SEC. 13004. PILOT PROGRAM ON FEDERAL MEDIUM WEIGHT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION.

During each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016, the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, shall carry out a pilot program in 5 States to investigate and develop the safety standards required to enable a new Federal medium weight electric vehicle classification, which would be defined as a vehicle weighing between 1,500 and 3,000 pounds that can travel at a maximum speed of between 35 and 40 miles per hour.