

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 23, United States Code, to permit the use of certain electric vehicle charging stations at rest areas on the Interstate System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recharge your Electric
5 Car on the Highway to Alleviate Range Gaps Effectively
6 Act” or the “RECHARGE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF AND ACCESS TO REST AREAS ON THE**
2 **INTERSTATE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRIC VEHI-**
3 **CLE CHARGING STATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111 of title 23, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(f) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
9 sections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall permit, con-
10 sistent with section 109(s), electric vehicle charging
11 infrastructure for passenger automobiles (as defined
12 in section 32901(a) of title 49) at rest areas on the
13 Interstate System.

14 “(2) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this sub-
15 section permits commercial activities on rights-of-
16 way on the Interstate System except as necessary
17 for the charging of electric vehicles in accordance
18 with this subsection.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY
21 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Section 149(c)(2) of title
22 23, United States Code, is amended—

23 (A) by striking “such stations” and insert-
24 ing “such natural gas vehicle refueling sta-
25 tions”; and

1 (B) by striking “of title 23, United States
2 Code”.

3 (2) JASON’S LAW.—Section 1401(d)(2) of the
4 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
5 (23 U.S.C. 137 note; Public Law 112–141) is
6 amended by striking “Electric vehicle battery charg-
7 ing stations or natural” and inserting “Natural”.

8 (c) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—Nothing in this Act
9 or an amendment made by this Act is intended as a state-
10 ment of congressional intent with respect to the existing
11 authority of the President or any other Federal agency
12 under section 111 of title 23, United States Code.