

118TH CONGRESS
2D 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, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN) 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. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT REST**
2 **AREAS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111(b)(2) of title 23,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
8 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(F) electric vehicle charging stations for
11 light-duty vehicles (as defined in section 803 of
12 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
13 16152)).”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY
16 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Section 149(c)(2) of title
17 23, United States Code, is amended by striking “ex-
18 cept that such stations may not be established or
19 supported where commercial establishments serving
20 motor vehicle users are prohibited by section 111 of
21 title 23, United States Code”.

22 (2) JASON’S LAW.—Section 1401(d) of the
23 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
24 (23 U.S.C. 137 note; Public Law 112–141) is
25 amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Except
2 as provided in paragraph (2), a State” and in-
3 serting “A State”;

4 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

5 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
6 paragraph (2).

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