

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2266

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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SENATE, Monday, May 2, 2016

The committee on Transportation to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1824) of James B. Eldridge, Frank I. Smizik, Denise Provost, Michelle M. DuBois and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote electric vehicle adoption,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2266).

For the committee,  
Thomas M. McGee

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An Act promoting electric vehicle adoption.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 19L the following:—

3           Section 19M.

4           (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any motor vehicle  
5 designated as a battery electric vehicle shall be authorized for travel on lanes designated for use  
6 by high-occupancy vehicles.

7           (b) The secretary of transportation shall issue those regulations it considers necessary or  
8 appropriate to implement this section, within one year of the effective date of this act.

9           SECTION 2. Section 22A of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
10 adding the following paragraph:—

11           Any city or town acting under this section with respect to ways under its control, or under  
12 the authority granted under chapter forty A with respect to zoning, may further regulate the  
13 parking of vehicles by restricting certain areas or requiring that certain areas be restricted for the

14 parking of any vehicle bearing a distinctive plate, decal, or emblem identifying such vehicle as  
15 an electric vehicle. Any such ordinance, bylaw, order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant  
16 to the provisions of this paragraph shall contain a penalty of not less than fifteen dollars or not  
17 more than fifty dollars and may provide for the removal of a vehicle in accordance with the  
18 provisions of section twenty-two D.

19 SECTION 3. Section 94 of chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
20 adding the following paragraph:—

21 (s) In consultation with the Department of Energy Resources, to develop requirements  
22 and promulgate regulations as part of the state building code within one year of the effective date  
23 of this act, for electric vehicle charging. Such regulations may include separate requirements for  
24 capability to install electric vehicle charging stations in the future and direct requirements for  
25 electric vehicle charging stations.

26 SECTION 4. Chapter 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
27 section 15 the following:-

28 Section 16. (a)The following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,  
29 have the following meanings:-

30 “Electric vehicle”, a vehicle that uses a plug-in battery to provide all or part of the motive  
31 power of the vehicle, including battery electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or plug-in fuel cell  
32 vehicle.

33           “Battery electric vehicle”, a vehicle that draws propulsion energy solely from an on-  
34 board electrical energy storage device during operation that is charged from an external source of  
35 electricity.

36           “Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle”, a vehicle with an on-board electrical energy storage  
37 device that can be recharged from an external source of electricity but also has the capability to  
38 run on another fuel

39           “Fuel cell vehicle”, a vehicle with an on-board fuel cell used to provide all or part of the  
40 motive power of the vehicle

41           “Electric vehicle service equipment”, an electric component assembly or cluster of  
42 component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles by  
43 permitting the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric  
44 vehicle.

45           “Electric vehicle charging services”, the transfer of electric energy from electric vehicle  
46 service equipment to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle

47           “Electric vehicle charging station”, one or more parking spaces served by electric vehicle  
48 service equipment

49           “Publicly available parking space”, a parking space that has been designated by a  
50 property owner or lessee to be available to, and accessible by, the public and may include on-  
51 street parking spaces and parking spaces in surface lots or parking garages. "Publicly available  
52 parking space" shall not include a parking space that is part of, or associated with, a private  
53 residence, a parking space that is reserved for the exclusive use of an individual driver or vehicle

54 or for a group of drivers or vehicles, such as employees, tenants, visitors, residents of a common  
55 interest development, or residents of an adjacent building.

56 “Public electric vehicle charging station”, one or more publicly available parking spaces  
57 served by electric vehicle service equipment.

58 “Fee-based electric vehicle charging station”, an electric vehicle charging station where  
59 customers, other than the owner or operator of the charging station, pay for electric vehicle  
60 charging services on a per-kilowatt-hour basis, hourly basis, per-charge basis, a subscription  
61 basis, a network membership basis, or any combination thereof. “Fee-based electric vehicle  
62 charging station” shall not include stations where charging services are available solely on the  
63 basis of a payment for access to a parking facility, payments as a lessee or tenant, or residence in  
64 a common interest development.

65 “Interoperability billing standards”, the ability for a member of one electric charging  
66 station billing network to use another billing network.

67 “Network roaming”, the act of a member of one electric vehicle charging station billing  
68 network using a charging station that is outside of the member's billing network with his or her  
69 billing network account information.

70 (b) Persons desiring to use a public electric vehicle charging station shall not be required  
71 to pay a subscription fee in order to use the station, and shall not be required to obtain  
72 membership in any club, association, or organization as a condition of using the station. Owners  
73 and operators of public electric vehicle charging stations may have separate price schedules  
74 conditional on a subscription or membership.

75 (c) Owners and lessees of a publicly available parking space, whose primary business is  
76 other than electric vehicle charging services, may restrict the use of that parking space, such as  
77 limiting use to customers and visitors of the business.

78 (d) A fee-based public electric vehicle charging station shall allow a person desiring to  
79 use the station to pay via credit card, mobile technology, or both.

80 (e) The Department of Energy Resources may adopt interoperability billing standards for  
81 network roaming payment methods for electric vehicle charging stations. Any standards adopted  
82 shall consider other governmental or industry-developed interoperability billing standards and  
83 may adopt interoperability billing standards promulgated by an outside authoritative body.

84 (f) The owner or operator of a public electric vehicle charging station, or their designee,  
85 shall disclose on an ongoing basis to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, or other  
86 publicly available database subsequently designated by the Department of Energy Resources, the  
87 station's geographic location, hours of operation, charging level, hardware compatibility, a  
88 schedule of fees, accepted methods of payment, and the amount of network roaming charges for  
89 nonmembers, if any.

90 SECTION 5. Section 9A of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
91 the following paragraph:—

92 When designing the above fuel efficiency standards for the purchase of new hybrid and  
93 alternative fuel vehicles, consistent with the ability of such vehicles to perform their intended  
94 functions, the commonwealth shall ensure that 25% of the motor vehicles purchased each year  
95 by the commonwealth will be electric vehicles by 2025. Such fuel efficiency standard shall  
96 incorporate intermediate targets for electric vehicles. The Department of Energy Resources shall

97 conduct a study on the opportunities for electrification of all segments of the state fleet, including  
98 all vehicles used by the regional transit authorities.

99 SECTION 6. The secretary of transportation, in consultation with the secretary of energy  
100 and environmental affairs, shall conduct a study examining the advisability and feasibility of  
101 assessing surcharges, levies or other assessments to offset projected gas tax revenue loss from  
102 the purchase and/or operation of zero-emission vehicles. The study shall examine practices in  
103 other states and shall include input from electric vehicle manufacturers, dealers, and trade  
104 associations, the Zero Emission Vehicle Commission, electric vehicle and hydrogen fuel cell  
105 vehicle manufacturers, electric vehicle charging station manufacturers and hydrogen providers,  
106 as well as transportation, environmental and clean energy advocacy groups. For the purposes of  
107 this section, zero-emission vehicle shall be defined as a fuel cell vehicle or a vehicle that uses a  
108 plug-in battery to provide all or part of the motive power of the vehicle, including battery  
109 electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or plug-in fuel cell vehicles. The report shall be filed with the  
110 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and  
111 means, and the joint committee on transportation not later than April 1, 2017.