

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3558

TITLE: An Act relative to electric vehicle charging stations

SPONSOR: Representative Jeffrey N. Roy

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: May 14, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: New bill

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. Chapter 93E: This chapter protects gasoline dealers (gas station operators) from unfair treatment by suppliers or distributors (often oil companies). It aims to promote fair business practices in the gasoline distribution industry by prohibiting arbitrary termination by suppliers, requires a 90 day written notice of termination, and prohibits coercive practices.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires any gasoline dealer installing new operational gas pumps for the retail sale of motor fuels to also assess its proximity to optimal sites along or near commonwealth highways and major roadways for the hosting of electric vehicle fast charging hubs and fleet depots, as identified by the electric vehicle coordinating council in its most recent assessment (and as required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 103 of chapter 239 of the acts of 2024). Any dealer installing new operational gas pumps in such an “optimal site” must then also install at least one electric vehicle charging station at the same location.

This bill prevents a building permit from being issued to a dealer if the documentation submitted for the permit does not reflect the completion of a proximity assessment. If a proximity assessment was completed and identified that the gas station in question is located in an optimal site for the hosting of electric vehicle fast charging hubs and fleet depots, the building permit documentation must reflect the installation of at least one electric vehicle charging station at said gas station.