

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 739

AN ACT

To authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government.

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

1 **SECTION 1. BATTERY RECHARGING STATIONS FOR PRI-**
2 **VATELY OWNED VEHICLES IN PARKING**
3 **AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE**
4 **SENATE AT NO NET COST TO THE FEDERAL**
5 **GOVERNMENT.**

6 (a) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “covered em-
7 ployee” means—

8 (1) an employee whose pay is disbursed by the
9 Secretary of the Senate; or

10 (2) any other individual who is authorized to
11 park in any parking area under the jurisdiction of
12 the Senate on Capitol Grounds.

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
15 funds appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol
16 under the heading “CAPITOL POWER PLANT” under
17 the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” in
18 any fiscal year are available to construct, operate,
19 and maintain on a reimbursable basis battery re-
20 charging stations in parking areas under the juris-
21 diction of the Senate on Capitol Grounds for use by
22 privately owned vehicles used by Senators or covered
23 employees.

24 (2) VENDORS AUTHORIZED.—In carrying out
25 paragraph (1), the Architect of the Capitol may use
26 1 or more vendors on a commission basis.

1 (3) APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION.—The Archi-
2 tect of the Capitol may construct or direct the con-
3 struction of battery recharging stations described
4 under paragraph (1) after—

5 (A) submission of written notice detailing
6 the numbers and locations of the battery re-
7 charging stations to the Committee on Rules
8 and Administration of the Senate; and

9 (B) approval by that Committee.

10 (c) FEES AND CHARGES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
12 the Architect of the Capitol shall charge fees or
13 charges for electricity provided to Senators and cov-
14 ered employees sufficient to cover the costs to the
15 Architect of the Capitol to carry out this section, in-
16 cluding costs to any vendors or other costs associ-
17 ated with maintaining the battery recharging sta-
18 tions.

19 (2) APPROVAL OF FEES OR CHARGES.—The Ar-
20 chitect of the Capitol may establish and adjust fees
21 or charges under paragraph (1) after—

22 (A) submission of written notice detailing
23 the amount of the fee or charge to be estab-
24 lished or adjusted to the Committee on Rules
25 and Administration of the Senate; and

1 (B) approval by that Committee.

2 (d) DEPOSIT AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES, CHARGES,
3 AND COMMISSIONS.—Any fees, charges, or commissions
4 collected by the Architect of the Capitol under this section
5 shall be—

6 (1) deposited in the Treasury to the credit of
7 the appropriations account described under sub-
8 section (b); and

9 (2) available for obligation without further ap-
10 propriation during—

11 (A) the fiscal year collected; and

12 (B) the fiscal year following the fiscal year
13 collected.

14 (e) REPORTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
16 the end of each fiscal year, the Architect of the Cap-
17 itol shall submit a report on the financial adminis-
18 tration and cost recovery of activities under this sec-
19 tion with respect to that fiscal year to the Com-
20 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

21 (2) AVOIDING SUBSIDY.—

22 (A) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 3
23 years after the date of enactment of this Act
24 and every 3 years thereafter, the Architect of
25 the Capitol shall submit a report to the Com-

1 committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
2 ate determining whether Senators and covered
3 employees using battery charging stations as
4 authorized by this Act are receiving a subsidy
5 from the taxpayers.

6 (B) MODIFICATION OF RATES AND
7 FEES.—If a determination is made under sub-
8 paragraph (A) that a subsidy is being received,
9 the Architect of the Capital shall submit a plan
10 to the Committee on Rules and Administration
11 of the Senate on how to update the program to
12 ensure no subsidy is being received. If the com-
13 mittee does not act on the plan within 60 days,
14 the Architect of the Capitol shall take appro-
15 priate steps to increase rates or fees to ensure
16 reimbursement for the cost of the program con-
17 sistent with an appropriate schedule for amorti-
18 zation, to be charged to those using the charg-
19 ing stations.

1 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-
2 spect to fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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