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# S. 739

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 2011

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## A BILL

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) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after  
15 the end of each fiscal year, the Architect of the Capitol  
16 shall submit a report on the financial administration and  
17 cost recovery of activities under this section with respect  
18 to that fiscal year to the Committee on Rules and Admin-  
19 istration of the Senate.

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

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