

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1402

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 House of Representatives 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 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT NO NET**
5 **COST TO THE FEDERAL 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 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives; or

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

14 (b) AUTHORITY.—

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

1 (2) VENDORS AUTHORIZED.—In carrying out
2 paragraph (1), the Architect of the Capitol may use
3 1 or more vendors on a commission basis.

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

8 (A) submission of written notice detailing
9 the numbers and locations of the battery re-
10 charging stations to the Committee on House
11 Administration of the House of Representatives;
12 and

13 (B) approval by that Committee.

14 (c) FEES AND CHARGES.—

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

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

1 (A) submission of written notice detailing
2 the amount of the fee or charge to be estab-
3 lished or adjusted to the Committee on House
4 Administration of the House of Representatives;
5 and

6 (B) approval by that Committee.

7 (d) DEPOSIT AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES, CHARGES,
8 AND COMMISSIONS.—Any fees, charges, or commissions
9 collected by the Architect of the Capitol under this section
10 shall be—

11 (1) deposited in the Treasury to the credit of
12 the appropriations account described under sub-
13 section (b); and

14 (2) available for obligation without further ap-
15 propriation during—

16 (A) the fiscal year collected; and

17 (B) the fiscal year following the fiscal year
18 collected.

19 (e) REPORTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
21 the end of each fiscal year, the Architect of the Cap-
22 itol shall submit a report on the financial adminis-
23 tration and cost recovery of activities under this sec-
24 tion with respect to that fiscal year to the Com-

mittee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(2) AVOIDING SUBSIDY.—

(A) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act and every 3 years thereafter, the Architect of the Capitol shall submit a report to the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives determining whether Members (including any Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress) and covered employees using battery charging stations as authorized by this Act are receiving a subsidy from the taxpayers.

(B) MODIFICATION OF RATES AND FEES.—If a determination is made under subparagraph (A) that a subsidy is being received, the Architect of the Capitol shall submit a plan to the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives on how to update the program to ensure no subsidy is being received. If the committee does not act on the plan within 60 days, the Architect of the Capitol shall take appropriate steps to increase rates or fees to ensure reimbursement for the

1 cost of the program consistent with an appro-
2 priate schedule for amortization, to be charged
3 to those using the charging stations.

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

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2012.

Attest:

Clerk.

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