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## 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 Com-  
mittee on House Administration of the House  
of Representatives determining whether Mem-  
bers (including any Delegate or Resident Com-  
missioner 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 sub-  
paragraph (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 re-  
ceived. If the committee does not act on the  
plan within 60 days, the Architect of the Cap-  
itol 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.

          Passed the House of Representatives August 2,  
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*