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To require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Charging Helps Agen-
5 cies Realize General Efficiencies Act” or the “CHARGE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT BY CHARGE CARD FOR CHARGING FED-**
2 **ERAL ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

4 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
5 ministrator of General Services;

6 (2) the term “charge card”—

7 (A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or
8 other credit device existing for the purpose of
9 obtaining money, property, labor, or services on
10 credit; and

11 (B) includes—

12 (i) a card issued under the GSA
13 SmartPay program; and

14 (ii) a Fleet Services card;

15 (3) the term “covered electric motor vehicle”
16 means a passenger carrier that is—

17 (A) a passenger motor vehicle; and

18 (B) an electric motor vehicle;

19 (4) the term “electric motor vehicle” has the
20 meaning given the term in section 601 of the Energy
21 Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13271);

22 (5) the term “electric motor vehicle charging
23 station” means a battery-charging station that per-
24 mits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or
25 inductive means) to a battery or other storage device
26 in an electric motor vehicle; and

1 (6) the terms “Federal agency” and “passenger
2 carrier” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
3 tion 1344(h) of title 31, United States Code.

4 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
6 issue guidance to clarify that each Federal agency may,
7 in accordance with section 1344 of title 31, United States
8 Code—

9 (1) charge a covered electric motor vehicle at a
10 commercial electric motor vehicle charging station;
11 and

12 (2) pay for a transaction described in para-
13 graph (1) with a charge card.

14 (c) ISSUANCE OF CHARGE CARDS.—Not later than
15 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
16 ministrator shall issue to each Federal agency a charge
17 card for each covered electric motor vehicle of the Federal
18 agency that may be used by the Federal agency to charge
19 the covered motor vehicle in accordance with the guidance
20 issued under subsection (b).

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