

## **HOUSE BILL 255:** Regulate EV Charging Stations.

## 2023-2024 General Assembly

**Committee:** House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to **Date:** 

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OVERVIEW: The PCS for House Bill 255 would prohibit parking a vehicle in a space designated as an electric vehicle charging station if the vehicle is not connected to the charging equipment. Violation would be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

**CURRENT LAW:** There are currently no restrictions in State law regarding parking in electric vehicle charging stations. Some municipalities have adopted ordinances regulating parking in spaces designated for electric vehicle charging.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 255 would prohibit parking a vehicle in an electric vehicle charging station on public or private property unless the vehicle is connected to the charging equipment. For the prohibition to apply, a space would have to be designated as a charging station, for electric vehicle charging only, by a sign consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

Violation of the prohibition would be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. It would be enforceable by any State, county, city, or other municipal authority in the same manner as other parking laws and ordinances are enforced. Municipalities would be able to prohibit additional conduct and establish higher penalties by ordinance.

The PCS would make clear that electric vehicle charging stations may not displace any handicapped parking spaces required by the Building Code and that, if charging equipment is provided to serve a space designated as handicapped, that space is not subject to restrictions or penalties applicable to charging stations under this act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective December 1, 2023, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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