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[Report No. 116–95]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 2019

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

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

10 (2) the term “charge card”—

11 ~~(A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or~~
12 ~~other credit device existing for the purpose of~~
13 ~~obtaining money, property, labor, or services on~~
14 ~~credit; and~~

15 *(A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or*
16 *other means existing for the purpose of obtaining*
17 *money, property, labor, or services; and*

18 (B) includes—

19 (i) a card issued under the GSA
20 SmartPay program; and

21 (ii) a Fleet Services card;

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

24 (A) a passenger motor vehicle; and

25 (B) an electric motor vehicle;

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

4 (5) the term “electric motor vehicle charging
5 station” means a battery-charging station that per-
6 mits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or
7 inductive means) to a battery or other storage device
8 in an electric motor vehicle; and

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

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

17 (1) charge a covered electric motor vehicle at a
18 commercial electric motor vehicle charging station;
19 and

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

22 (c) ISSUANCE OF CHARGE CARDS.—Not later than
23 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
24 ministrator shall issue to each Federal agency a charge
25 card for each covered electric motor vehicle of the Federal

1 agency that may be used by *an officer or employee of the*
2 Federal agency to ~~charge~~ *pay for charging* the covered
3 motor vehicle in accordance with the guidance issued
4 under subsection (b).

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