

HOUSE BILL 1331

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Miller**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure – Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from establishing or
4 continuing a certain pilot program until the Task Force to Study Electric Vehicle
5 Charging Station Infrastructure submits a report to the Governor and General
6 Assembly and the General Assembly enacts a law to approve the pilot program;
7 establishing the Task Force to Study Electric Vehicle Charging Station
8 Infrastructure; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;
9 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but
10 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
11 study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of electric vehicle
12 charging station infrastructure at ratepayer expense; requiring the Task Force to
13 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
14 on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the
15 termination of a section of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
16 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Public Utilities

19 Section 7–216

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Public Utilities**

25 **7–216.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY NOT ESTABLISH OR CONTINUE A**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM RELATED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**
3 **UNTIL:**

4 **(1) THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION**
5 **INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEWS THE PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORTS ITS FINDINGS AND**
6 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND**

7 **(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS A LAW TO APPROVE THE PILOT**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Electric Charging Station Infrastructure.

11 (b) The purpose of the Task Force is to review the implementation of electric
12 vehicle charging in Maryland.

13 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House; and

18 (3) three members appointed by the Governor.

19 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly select
20 a chair of the Task Force.

21 (e) The Public Service Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.

22 (f) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as necessary to fulfill its duties.

23 (g) A member of the Task Force:

24 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

25 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
26 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

27 (h) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the
28 implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at Maryland ratepayer expense.

1 (i) On or before January 1, 2020, the Task Force shall submit a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
3 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
5 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
6 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
7 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
8 enacted. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year from the date it is
9 enacted and, at the end of the 1-year period, Section 2, with no further action required by
10 the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.