

# HOUSE BILL 1428

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By: **Delegate Miller**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Safety Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Safety Commission;  
4 and generally relating to the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Safety Commission.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Public Safety

7 Section 3–531

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article – Public Safety**

13 **3–531.**

14 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMISSION” MEANS THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE**  
15 **CHARGING STATION SAFETY COMMISSION.**

16 **(B) THERE IS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION SAFETY**  
17 **COMMISSION.**

18 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO DEVELOP POLICY**  
19 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE SAFETY FOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND PASSENGERS**  
20 **AND REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME AND THEFT AT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**  
21 **STATIONS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(D) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

2           **(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S**  
3 **DESIGNEE;**

4           **(2) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**  
5 **DESIGNEE;**

6           **(3) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**  
7 **SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

8           **(4) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR; AND**

9           **(5) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

10           **(I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
11 **AGENCIES, INCLUDING ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND**

12           **(II) THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING ONE**  
13 **MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.**

14           **(E) (1) THE APPOINTED MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE**  
15 **GOVERNOR.**

16           **(2) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.**

17           **(3) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS**  
18 **REQUIRED IN THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON**  
19 **OCTOBER 1, 2024.**

20           **(4) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL**  
21 **A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

22           **(5) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES**  
23 **ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND**  
24 **QUALIFIES.**

25           **(F) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ONE MEMBER TO**  
26 **SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.**

27           **(G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:**

1           **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**  
2 **COMMISSION; BUT**

3           **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**  
4 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

5           **(H) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON**  
6 **METHODS OF INCREASING SAFETY FOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND PASSENGERS AND**  
7 **REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME AND THEFT AT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS,**  
8 **INCLUDING:**

9           **(1) IMPROVED LIGHTING;**

10          **(2) MONITORING BY SECURITY CAMERAS;**

11          **(3) SMART PHONE APPLICATIONS AIMED AT REPORTING INCIDENTS**  
12 **TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT;**

13          **(4) EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHTS; AND**

14          **(5) POTENTIAL METHODS FOR THE OCCUPANT OF AN ELECTRIC**  
15 **VEHICLE TO SAFELY DISCONNECT FROM A CHARGING STATION WITHOUT HAVING TO**  
16 **EXIT THE VEHICLE.**

17          **(I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EACH DECEMBER 31**  
18 **THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**  
19 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
20 **ARTICLE.**

21          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial  
22 members of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Safety Commission shall expire as  
23 follows:

24          **(1) one member in 2025;**

25          **(2) two members in 2026; and**

26          **(3) two members in 2027.**

27          SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and 3 months and, at the  
29 end of December 31, 2034, this Act, with no further action required by the General  
30 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.