

**SB 144** — Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act  
Position: **Favorable**

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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East  
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

“How do I convince my HOA/condo board to let me put in a charging station?” Many people who want to buy an electric car in Maryland are faced with this question.

Often, when an HOA or condo board encounters a homeowner who submits an application to install an electric vehicle charging station, they don’t know how to proceed.

Senator Guzzone has proposed a sensible and fair solution that will benefit homeowners, HOA and condo governing boards, and the people of Maryland.

SB 144 provides a framework to guide the governing bodies of multi-unit communities through a process for approving the installation of electric vehicle charging equipment in a manner similar to the approval process of an architectural modification to the home.

This legislation establishes reasonable standards and outlines clear responsibilities concerning the costs, installation, maintenance, and removal of an EV charging station. This will help overcome a significant barrier for Maryland residents who want to drive electric.

This bill will help electric car owners and HOA or condo boards to work collaboratively to get electric vehicle charging equipment installed which will help increase the number of zero-emission vehicles in Maryland — a goal established by the General Assembly.

I respectfully request a **favorable report** on SB 144.

Sincerely,



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