

Senate Bill 72

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to stopping, standing, and parking, so as  
3 to provide for the designation of electric vehicle charging station parking areas; to provide  
4 for definitions; to provide for standards for designating such areas; to prohibit unauthorized  
5 use of such parking areas; to provide for a penalty; to provide for a short title; to provide for  
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Baranco Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 1 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to general provisions relative to stopping, standing, and parking, is amended by  
13 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "40-6-209.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Electric vehicle' means a motor vehicle that is propelled by one or more electric  
17 motors fueled by energy stored in the form of a rechargeable battery.

18 (2) 'Electric vehicle charging station' means any device which is open to the public and  
19 that delivers electricity from a power source outside an electric vehicle into one or more  
20 electric vehicles. Such term includes a grouping of such devices available for public use.

21 (b) Any area on public or private property which is reserved for use by electric vehicles  
22 while utilizing an electric vehicle charging station shall be designated by a sign bearing the  
23 words 'Electric Vehicle Charging Parking Only.' Such sign shall be at least 12 inches in  
24 width and 18 inches in length and shall be erected at a height of seven feet from the bottom  
25 of the sign to its ground surface and in such a manner that it will not be obscured by a  
26 vehicle parked in the area. Upon each electric vehicle charging station shall be displayed  
27 a sign in a prominent location which cites this Code section and warns that failure to  
28 remove an electric vehicle after vehicle charging has completed shall result in the penalties  
29 set forth in subsection (d) of this Code section.

30 (c) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in an area or parking space designated  
31 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section unless such vehicle is actively being  
32 charged. It shall be a violation of this Code section to cause a vehicle to remain in an  
33 electric vehicle charging parking space beyond the time the charging of the vehicle has  
34 completed.

35 (d) Any person violating this Code section shall be subject to a fine of not less than  
36 \$100.00.

37 (e) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the owner or operator of an electric vehicle  
38 charging station from causing a vehicle in violation of this Code section to be removed at  
39 the expense of the owner of such vehicle."

40 **SECTION 3.**

41 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.