

SENATE No. 2222

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to build future-forward parking structures to promote EV equity and walkable downtowns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John J. Cronin

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2222) of John J. Cronin for legislation to build future-forward parking structures to promote EV equity and walkable downtowns. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to build future-forward parking structures to promote EV equity and walkable downtowns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after Chapter 40X, the following section:

3 Chapter 40Y. Equitable EV Facilities Matching Fund

4 Section 1. (a) There shall be established a financing program for the construction,
5 reconstruction, and renovation of municipal parking facilities to provide electric vehicle charging
6 stations, as defined in section 16 of chapter 25A and as provided in clause (b) of the second
7 paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws. The appropriation shall be considered
8 an available fund upon approval of the commissioner of revenue pursuant to section 23 of
9 chapter 59 of the General Laws. As provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws,
10 within 60 days after receipt by the Department of a request for reimbursement from the city or
11 town, which request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been

12 incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been
13 completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and
14 in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department.

15 (b) A city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts
16 Department of Transportation (“Department”), including submitting a financing plan to be
17 certified by the Department.

18 (1) Prior to reimbursement, a city or shall submit each eligible project for certification by
19 the Department and must meet, at a minimum, the following performance standards:

20 (i) Facilitate the reduction and redevelopment of surface parking in downtown areas;

21 (ii) Provide affordable and accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to
22 residents of dense multifamily neighborhoods;

23 (iii) Support additional housing production and transit-oriented growth, as demonstrated
24 by local zoning and parking requirements;

25 (iv) Incorporate context-sensitive urban design and promote a safe, active streetscape that
26 encourages walking; and

27 (v) A financing plan that covers the local share of the project cost.

28 Section 2. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Matching Fund

29 In order to assist in establishing a financing program for the construction, reconstruction,
30 and renovation of municipal parking facilities to provide electric vehicle charging stations in the
31 state, there is hereby established a fund to be known as the Electric Vehicle Charging Station

32 Matching Fund, hereinafter referred to as the matching grant fund, to which shall be credited the
33 proceeds of bonds or notes of the commonwealth issued for the purpose, and any appropriations
34 designated by the general court to be credited thereto. The commonwealth shall reimburse a city
35 or town under this item based on the city or town's median income ranging from 30 per cent to
36 80 per cent. The matching grant fund shall be administered by the Department. The Department
37 shall hold the matching grant fund in an account or accounts separate from other funds of the
38 Department. The purpose of the matching grant fund shall be to provide funds for capital
39 expenditures to be made in connection with projects which are sponsored by cities and towns.