

SENATE BILL NO. 173

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RESTRICTING PARKING AT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Electric vehicle charging stations -- parking -- penalty.** (1) A person may not stop, stand, or park a nonelectric vehicle at any electric vehicle charging station.

(2) An electric vehicle charging station must be marked by a sign detailing the electric charging capability of the space and the penalty as provided in ~~[section 3]~~ SUBSECTION (3) for violating ~~subsection (1)~~ of this section.

(3) A person who parks a motor vehicle in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of ~~\$50~~ \$25 or towing at the motor vehicle owner's expense.

(4) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle capable of electric charging at an electric vehicle charging station.

(b) "Electric vehicle charging station" means any parking space equipped to charge electric vehicles.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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