

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2193

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## AN ACT

To require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Charging Helps Agen-  
3 cies Realize General Efficiencies Act” or the “CHARGE  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT BY CHARGE CARD FOR CHARGING FED-  
6 ERAL ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-  
9 ministrator of General Services;

10 (2) the term “charge card”—

11 (A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or  
12 other means existing for the purpose of obtain-  
13 ing money, property, labor, or services; and

14 (B) includes—

15 (i) a card issued under the GSA  
16 SmartPay program; and

17 (ii) a Fleet Services card;

18 (3) the term “covered electric motor vehicle”  
19 means a passenger carrier that is—

20 (A) a passenger motor vehicle; and

21 (B) an electric motor vehicle;

22 (4) the term “electric motor vehicle” has the  
23 meaning given the term in section 601 of the Energy  
24 Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13271);

25 (5) the term “electric motor vehicle charging  
26 station” means a battery-charging station that per-

1 mits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or  
2 inductive means) to a battery or other storage device  
3 in an electric motor vehicle; and

4 (6) the terms “Federal agency” and “passenger  
5 carrier” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
6 tion 1344(h) of title 31, United States Code.

7 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall  
9 issue guidance to clarify that each Federal agency may,  
10 in accordance with section 1344 of title 31, United States  
11 Code—

12 (1) charge a covered electric motor vehicle at a  
13 commercial electric motor vehicle charging station;  
14 and

15 (2) pay for a transaction described in para-  
16 graph (1) with a charge card.

17 (c) ISSUANCE OF CHARGE CARDS.—Not later than  
18 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
19 ministrator shall issue to each Federal agency a charge  
20 card for each covered electric motor vehicle of the Federal  
21 agency that may be used by an officer or employee of the  
22 Federal agency to pay for charging the covered motor ve-

1 hicle in accordance with the guidance issued under sub-  
2 section (b).

Passed the Senate November 21, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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