
SENATE BILL 5849

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By Senators Tom, Frockt, Keiser, Hatfield, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to electric vehicle charging stations; adding a new
2 section to chapter 46.08 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 An electric vehicle charging station must be indicated by a
8 vertical sign identifying the space as an electric vehicle charging
9 station and indicating that there is no parking other than for electric
10 vehicle charging. The sign must be consistent with the manual on
11 uniform traffic control devices, published by the federal highway
12 administration. Additionally, the electric vehicle charging station
13 must be indicated by green pavement markings. The sign may include
14 other information including, but not limited to, the amount of the
15 monetary penalty under section 4 of this act for parking in the space
16 while not connected to an electrical outlet.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 "Plug-in electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is designed to be
2 recharged by plugging into an electrical outlet.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 "Electric vehicle charging station" means a parking space that
6 provides an electrical outlet for the purpose of charging a plug-in
7 electric vehicle.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 It is a traffic infraction, with a monetary penalty of two hundred
11 fifty dollars, for any person to park a vehicle in an electric vehicle
12 charging station provided on private property without charge or on
13 public property reserved for plug-in electric vehicle charging if the
14 vehicle is not connected to an electrical outlet.

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