

House Bill 1165

By: Representative Scheid of the 17th

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 stopping, standing, and parking of motor vehicles generally, so as to
3 provide for designation of certain parking places for exclusive use as charging stations for
4 electric vehicles; to provide punishment for violations; to provide legislative declarations;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The General Assembly declares that it is the policy of this state to attain significant
9 reductions in air pollution, improve energy efficiency in transportation, and reduce the state's
10 dependence on imported petroleum products. The purpose of this Act is to support that
11 policy by encouraging widespread consumer acceptance and use of electric vehicles in this
12 state. In further support of that policy, the General Assembly strongly urges counties and
13 municipalities, especially those located in areas under the jurisdiction of the Georgia
14 Regional Transportation Authority as a result of nonattainment status, to consider requiring
15 that a minimum number of parking places be designated for exclusive use as charging
16 stations for electric vehicles in parking areas open to the general public.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Part 1 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
19 relating to stopping, standing, and parking of motor vehicles generally, is amended by adding
20 a new Code Section 40-6-209 to read as follows:

21 "40-6-209.

22 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'electric vehicle' means a motor vehicle
23 propelled exclusively by an electric motor.

1 (b) The state or any county, municipality, or business entity may designate parking places
2 on property owned, leased, or controlled thereby for exclusive use as charging stations for
3 electric vehicles.

4 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park any vehicle other than an
5 electric vehicle in any parking place clearly marked by a sign bearing the phrases 'Charging
6 Station' and 'Electric Vehicle Parking Only While Charging' or other similar phrases which
7 clearly designate such parking place for exclusive use as a charging station for electric
8 vehicles; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to an ambulance,
9 emergency, or law enforcement vehicle. Any person violating this subsection shall be
10 guilty of a misdemeanor.

11 (d) The provisions of this Code section shall be applicable to both public and private
12 property; and all law enforcement officers of this state and its political subdivisions are
13 expressly authorized to enforce the provisions of this part on private property as well as on
14 public property."

15 **SECTION 3.**

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