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HOUSE BILL 25-1267

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE ENERGY STRATEGIES, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
103 GRANT FUND WITHIN THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE AND
104 REGULATING RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the director of the division of oil and public safety in the department of labor and employment to adopt rules concerning retail electric vehicle charging by July 1, 2026, and to enforce the rules

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beginning July 1, 2027. The bill also broadens the allowable uses of money in the electric vehicle grant fund within the Colorado energy office to include:

- Operational and policy work to support electric vehicle adoption, electric vehicle charging, and affordable, clean electricity for electric motor vehicles, including covering the administrative costs of this work; and
- Support for the development and enforcement of retail electric vehicle charging rules by the division of oil and public safety.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-20-102, **add** (5) as
3 follows:

4 **8-20-102. Duties of director of division of oil and public safety**
5 **- rules.** (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY
6 SHALL ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES CONCERNING RETAIL ELECTRIC
7 VEHICLE CHARGING AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 8-20-107.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-20-107 as
9 follows:

10 **8-20-107. Retail electric vehicle charging - rules - definitions.**

11 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRES:

13 (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
14 EMPLOYMENT.

15 (b) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION.

16 (c) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN
17 THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (d) "RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING" MEANS A PUBLICLY
19 ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION WHERE A CHARGE FOR
20 SERVICE IS BASED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY ON THE QUANTITY OF

1 ELECTRICITY DISPENSED IN VEHICLE FUEL APPLICATIONS.

2 (2) (a) (I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE DIRECTOR SHALL
3 ADOPT RULES CONCERNING RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING. THE
4 RULES MUST SET FORTH MINIMUM STANDARDS RELATING TO
5 SPECIFICATIONS AND TOLERANCES FOR RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE
6 CHARGING EQUIPMENT AND METHODS OF RETAIL SALE AT PUBLICLY
7 ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS TO PROMOTE
8 CONSISTENCY IN THE MARKETPLACE.

9 (II) THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE
10 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, BEFORE
11 INITIATING A RULE-MAKING PROCEEDING ON OR MODIFYING RULES
12 CONCERNING RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING.

13 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL BEGIN ENFORCING THE RULES REQUIRED
14 BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) ON JULY 1, 2027, FOR ALL RETAIL ELECTRIC
15 VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS INSTALLED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026.
16 RETAIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS INSTALLED BEFORE JULY
17 1, 2026, MUST COMPLY WITH THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN THE RULES. THE
18 DIRECTOR MAY MODIFY THE RULES AT THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION,
19 UTILIZING A PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND PROVIDING ADVANCE
20 NOTICE FOR ANY PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS.

21 (c) EACH RULE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST BE
22 REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, WELFARE,
23 AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND PERSONS USING RETAIL ELECTRIC
24 VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, AND THE RULES MUST SUBSTANTIALLY
25 CONFORM WITH THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF SAFETY
26 CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT
27 THE RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-103, **amend**
2 (1)(a)(I)(B); and **add** (1)(a)(I)(D) and (1)(a)(I)(E) as follows:

3 **24-38.5-103. Electric vehicle grant fund - creation -**
4 **administration - legislative declaration.** (1) (a) (I) There is created in
5 the state treasury the electric vehicle grant fund, referred to in this section
6 as the "fund". The Colorado energy office shall use the fund to:

7 (B) Cover the administrative costs of providing grants pursuant to
8 subsection (1)(a)(I)(A) of this section; ~~and~~

9 (D) SUPPORT OR DIRECTLY ENGAGE IN OPERATIONAL AND POLICY
10 WORK TO SUPPORT ELECTRIC VEHICLE ADOPTION, ELECTRIC VEHICLE
11 CHARGING, AND AFFORDABLE, CLEAN ELECTRICITY FOR ELECTRIC
12 VEHICLES, INCLUDING COVERING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THIS
13 WORK; AND

14 (E) SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF RETAIL
15 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RULES BY THE DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC
16 SAFETY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

17 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
23 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.