

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 745

House of Representatives, March 16, 2017

### **An Act To Expand the Availability of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Maine**

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Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and  
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COOPER of Yarmouth,  
DeCHANT of Bath, SCHNECK of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senators: GRATWICK  
of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to establish a program to support the installation throughout the  
6 State of publicly accessible universally compatible electric vehicle charging stations.  
7 Under the program:

8 1. An entity doing business in the State would be able to apply for a grant to be used  
9 to install a charging station by submitting an application;

10 2. Applicants would be selected based on preferential criteria, including:

11 A. The ability of the applicant to make the charging station available to the public for  
12 use 24 hours per day and 7 days per week;

13 B. The absence of other available charging stations in or near the area in which the  
14 proposed charging station will be located;

15 C. The relative safety of the proposed location of the charging station, including the  
16 presence of lighting or shelter;

17 D. The willingness of the applicant to contribute the applicant's own funds to help  
18 maintain and operate the charging station;

19 E. The location of the proposed charging station in relation to important regional  
20 attractions, events, facilities, transportation corridors, major thoroughfares and high-  
21 traffic areas; and

22 F. The proximity of dining, lodging, retail and entertainment opportunities within  
23 walking distance of the proposed charging station;

24 3. A recipient of a grant would be required to commit to:

25 A. Making the charging station accessible and available for use by the public; and

26 B. Maintaining and operating the charging station; and

27 4. Funds would be provided by several sources. It is intended that the program be  
28 included in the State's beneficiary mitigation plan to receive trust funds pursuant to the  
29 Volkswagen Partial Consent Decree, which settles portions of the multidistrict litigation  
30 concerning certain Volkswagen diesel engines. In addition, private funding that is  
31 designed to leverage other funds would make up a part of the program funding.