

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of electric vehicle supply equipment;
requiring an occupational registration; authorizing fees;
authorizing an administrative penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 14, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2311 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2311. ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 2311.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commercial transaction" means any sale or exchange for compensation of electrical energy through a digital network.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

(3) "Department" means the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(4) "Digital network" means an online-enabled application, website, or system offered or used by an electric vehicle supply provider that allows a user to initiate a commercial transaction to dispense electrical energy from electric vehicle supply equipment to an electric vehicle.

(5) "Electric vehicle supply equipment" means a device or equipment used to dispense electrical energy to an electric

1 vehicle.

2 (6) "Electric vehicle supply provider" means an owner
3 or operator of electric vehicle supply equipment that is available
4 and accessible to the public to provide electrical energy through a
5 commercial transaction.

6 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

7 Sec. 2311.0201. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules as
8 necessary to implement this chapter.

9 Sec. 2311.0202. FEES. The commission by rule shall set fees
10 in amounts sufficient to cover the costs of administering this
11 chapter.

12 Sec. 2311.0203. CONTRACT. The department may contract to
13 perform the department's duties related to electric vehicle supply
14 equipment, including inspections. A reference in this chapter to
15 the commission or department in the context of a contracted service
16 means the contractor.

17 Sec. 2311.0204. INSPECTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY
18 EQUIPMENT. The department may periodically, or in response to a
19 complaint, conduct an inspection of electric vehicle supply
20 equipment in order to verify compliance with registration
21 requirements and standards established in this chapter and
22 commission rules, unless electric vehicle supply equipment is
23 exempt from the application of this chapter by commission rule.

24 Sec. 2311.0205. COMPLAINTS REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE
25 SUPPLY EQUIPMENT. In accordance with Chapter 51, the executive
26 director of the department shall establish methods by which
27 consumers are notified of the name, Internet website address,

1 mailing address, and telephone number of the department for the
2 purpose of directing complaints to the department.

3 Sec. 2311.0206. EXEMPTIONS. (a) The commission by rule may
4 exempt electric vehicle supply equipment from a requirement
5 established by this chapter if the commission determines that
6 imposing or enforcing the requirement:

7 (1) is not cost-effective for the department;

8 (2) is not feasible with current resources or
9 standards; or

10 (3) will not substantially benefit or protect
11 consumers.

12 (b) Electric vehicle supply equipment is exempt from the
13 requirements of this chapter if, in accordance with commission
14 rule, the electric vehicle supply equipment is:

15 (1) installed in or adjacent to a private residence
16 for noncommercial use;

17 (2) provided for the exclusive use of an individual,
18 or a group of individuals, including employees, tenants, visitors,
19 or residents of a multiunit housing or office development; or

20 (3) provided by a business for use at no charge.

21 Sec. 2311.0207. REGULATION OF LEGACY CHARGERS. The
22 commission may adopt rules to regulate electric vehicle supply
23 equipment in operation before January 1, 2024, that:

24 (1) has never had a metering system in place capable of
25 measuring electricity transferred from the charging station to the
26 vehicle; or

27 (2) is not capable of measuring the time elapsed while

1 actively charging a vehicle and calculating a fee for the charging
2 session.

3 SUBCHAPTER C. OPERATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT

4 Sec. 2311.0301. DUTIES OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY PROVIDER.

5 Unless electric vehicle supply equipment is exempt from the
6 application of this chapter or has been removed from service, an
7 electric vehicle supply provider shall:

8 (1) have electric vehicle supply equipment inspected
9 as prescribed by commission rule; and

10 (2) maintain electric vehicle supply equipment in
11 compliance with maintenance specifications, this chapter, and
12 commission rule.

13 Sec. 2311.0302. REQUIRED REGISTRATION. (a) Unless
14 electric vehicle supply equipment is exempt from the application of
15 this chapter by commission rule, an electric vehicle supply
16 provider shall register each charging unit of electric vehicle
17 supply equipment operated by the provider with the department
18 before the electric vehicle supply equipment is made available for
19 use on a digital network for a commercial transaction.

20 (b) The department shall issue a registration to each
21 applicant that meets the requirements of this chapter and submits
22 an application that meets the requirements of this section. An
23 application for electric vehicle supply equipment registration
24 must:

25 (1) be submitted to the department in a manner
26 prescribed by the department;

27 (2) be accompanied by any other document or form

1 required by the department;

2 (3) include any fee required under Section 2311.0202;

3 and

4 (4) include documentation of compliance with Section
5 2311.0303, as prescribed by commission rule.

6 Sec. 2311.0303. SPECIFICATIONS. (a) Specifications and
7 tolerances for electric vehicle supply equipment shall be the same
8 as those recommended by the National Institute of Standards and
9 Technology.

10 (b) Electric vehicle supply equipment must be installed and
11 operated in accordance with Chapter 1305.

12 (c) The commission may adopt rules as necessary to establish
13 standards under this chapter.

14 (d) This subsection applies only to electric vehicle supply
15 equipment installed after December 1, 2024, that is made available
16 to the public, is not intended primarily for private use, and is
17 funded by a public grant or a rebate program. The commission, in
18 consultation with the Texas Department of Transportation, shall
19 adopt standards that require electric vehicle supply equipment to
20 be equipped with a standard electric vehicle charging connector or
21 plug type that is widely compatible with as many types of electric
22 vehicles as practicable.

23 Sec. 2311.0304. FEES; DISCLOSURES. (a) An electric
24 vehicle supply provider shall disclose on the display of the
25 electric vehicle supply equipment or on the electric vehicle supply
26 provider's digital network:

27 (1) the fee calculation method or methods; and

1 (2) applicable surcharges.

2 (b) Before the user begins charging, the electric vehicle
3 supply provider shall disclose:

4 (1) the rate the user will be charged at the time of
5 the transaction based on the available fee calculation method or
6 methods; and

7 (2) a list of applicable surcharges.

8 (c) In accordance with commission rule, an electric vehicle
9 supply provider shall show on the display of the provider's
10 electric vehicle supply equipment or on the provider's digital
11 network a notice to consumers that:

12 (1) states that the department regulates electric
13 vehicle supply equipment; and

14 (2) provides information on filing a complaint with
15 the department about electric vehicle supply equipment.

16 Sec. 2311.0305. RECEIPT. After a reasonable period
17 following the completion of a commercial transaction for electric
18 vehicle charging, on request of a user, the electric vehicle supply
19 provider shall transmit a summary that includes:

20 (1) the date and time of the transaction;

21 (2) the physical location of the electric vehicle
22 supply equipment;

23 (3) the duration of and kilowatt hours provided during
24 the transaction; and

25 (4) an itemization of the total fees paid, including
26 surcharges, if applicable.

27 Sec. 2311.0306. REPAIR OF DAMAGED ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY

1 EQUIPMENT. (a) An electric vehicle supply provider shall:

2 (1) remove from operation in a manner that prevents
3 use and access by the public, in accordance with commission rules,
4 electric vehicle supply equipment that poses a safety risk; and

5 (2) remove electric vehicle supply equipment that
6 poses a safety risk from the electric vehicle supply provider's
7 digital network listing of available charging units.

8 (b) If the department determines that electric vehicle
9 supply equipment poses a safety risk, the department shall place a
10 tag or other mark with the words "Out of Order" on the electric
11 vehicle supply equipment.

12 (c) An electric vehicle supply provider may not return
13 electric vehicle supply equipment to operation until the equipment
14 has been repaired in accordance with manufacturer specifications
15 and commission rule.

16 SUBCHAPTER D. ENFORCEMENT

17 Sec. 2311.0401. DISCIPLINARY ACTION. A person is subject
18 to the denial of an application, imposition of an administrative
19 penalty under Subchapter F, Chapter 51, or disciplinary action
20 under Section 51.353 if the person engages in a commercial
21 transaction in violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under
22 this chapter.

23 Sec. 2311.0402. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. A proceeding
24 for the denial of a registration or a disciplinary action or an
25 appeal from that proceeding is governed by Chapter 2001, Government
26 Code.

27 SECTION 2. The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation

1 shall adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by
2 this Act not later than December 1, 2024.

3 SECTION 3. (a) The Texas Department of Licensing and
4 Regulation may establish and lead a stakeholder work group to
5 provide input, advice, and recommendations on the activities under
6 this Act. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall
7 establish the size, composition, and scope of the stakeholder work
8 group.

9 (b) This section expires on December 1, 2024.

10 SECTION 4. (a) An electric vehicle supply provider shall
11 register all of the provider's electric vehicle supply equipment in
12 operation in this state not later than March 1, 2025.

13 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section,
14 electric vehicle supply equipment installed in this state must be
15 operated in compliance with manufacturer specifications, Chapter
16 2311, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and Texas Commission
17 of Licensing and Regulation rules:

18 (1) not later than March 1, 2028, if the equipment is
19 installed before the effective date of this Act;

20 (2) not later than March 1, 2025, if the equipment is
21 installed on or after the effective date of this Act and before
22 March 1, 2025; and

23 (3) when the equipment begins operating, if the
24 equipment is installed on or after March 1, 2025.

25 (c) Electric vehicle supply equipment installed in this
26 state that is subject to Section 2311.0303(d), Occupations Code, as
27 added by this Act, is not required to comply with that subsection or

1 rules adopted under that subsection until January 1, 2030.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1001 passed the Senate on March 29, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1001 passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 36, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor