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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the placement of electric vehicle charging equipment in state parks.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.010.  PLACEMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT IN STATE PARK. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Charging provider" means a person who provides to another person the use of electric vehicle charging equipment in a commercial transaction.

(2)  "Electric vehicle charging equipment" means equipment manufactured for transferring electric energy from electric supply to an electric vehicle.

(3)  "Metering device" means a commercial device used to measure electric energy transferred by electric vehicle charging equipment and compute the charge for the transferred energy.

(b)  A state agency in charge and control of a state park may enter into an agreement authorizing a charging provider to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment in the park.

(c)  An agreement described by Subsection (b):

(1)  must require the charging provider to use a metering device to determine the cost of electricity transferred to another person through electric vehicle charging equipment; and

(2)  may include any other reasonable requirements on the use of the state park property.

(d)  An agreement executed by the Parks and Wildlife Department with another person under this section must contain a provision requiring any cost associated with placing and maintaining electric vehicle charging equipment, including costs incurred for electricity, to be paid by the other person.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.