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S.B. No. 1495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Advisory Board.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 2311, Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 1153 (S.B. 1001), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT POWERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 2. Chapter 2311, Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 1153 (S.B. 1001), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is amended by adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-1. ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 2311.0251. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Advisory board" means the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Advisory Board.

(2) "Executive director" means the executive director of the department.

Sec. 2311.0252. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP. (a) The advisory board consists of nine voting members appointed by the presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's approval, as follows:

(1) three members who represent electric vehicle

1 supply equipment companies;

2 (2) two members who install or service electric
3 vehicle supply equipment;

4 (3) two members who represent the motor fuel retail
5 industry;

6 (4) one member who represents a public utility
7 company; and

8 (5) one member of the public.

9 (b) The presiding officer of the commission, with the
10 approval of the commission, shall appoint two ex officio nonvoting
11 members of the board. An ex officio member is not counted as a
12 member for purposes of establishing a quorum. Members appointed
13 under this subsection must include:

14 (1) one member who represents the Texas Department of
15 Transportation; and

16 (2) one member who represents the Texas Commission on
17 Fire Protection.

18 (c) Appointments to the advisory board shall be made without
19 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
20 national origin of the appointees.

21 Sec. 2311.0253. TERMS; VACANCIES. (a) Advisory board
22 members serve six-year terms.

23 (b) If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the
24 presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's
25 approval, shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.

26 Sec. 2311.0254. PRESIDING OFFICER. The presiding officer
27 of the commission, with the commission's approval, shall appoint

1 one advisory board member to serve as presiding officer of the board
2 for a term of two years.

3 Sec. 2311.0255. ADVISORY BOARD DUTIES. The advisory board
4 may advise the commission and department on:

5 (1) the adoption of appropriate standards for the
6 installation, maintenance, calibration, alteration, operation,
7 testing, or inspection, as applicable, of electric vehicle supply
8 equipment; and

9 (2) other issues affecting electric vehicle charging
10 stations.

11 Sec. 2311.0256. MEETINGS; QUORUM. (a) The advisory board
12 shall meet at the call of the executive director or the presiding
13 officer of the commission.

14 (b) A majority of the voting members of the advisory board
15 constitutes a quorum.

16 Sec. 2311.0257. EXPIRATION. The advisory board is
17 abolished and this subchapter expires December 1, 2030.

18 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2025, the presiding
19 officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
20 appoint members to the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Advisory
21 Board in accordance with Section 2311.0252, Occupations Code, as
22 added by this Act.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.