To enact Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 45:1621 through 1623, relative to electric vehicle charging equipment networks; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 45:1621 through 1623, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 15. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT NETWORKS

§1621. Short Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Network Act".

§1622. Purpose; legislative intent

The Louisiana Legislature hereby finds it necessary and in the best interest of the state to promote rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by doing all of the following:

(1) Improving the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging amenities and consumer experience services available in the state.

(2) Urging the Louisiana Public Service Commission to establish an electric vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market competition by encouraging transparent pricing, more stable electricity costs, expanded investment opportunities in charging infrastructure, innovation, and a widespread implementation of publicly available fast charging, electric vehicle charging technology and equipment.

(3) Urging the Louisiana Public Service Commission to explore excluding...
persons or corporations from the definition of public utility when all of the
following occur:

(a) Those persons or corporations purchase electricity from an electric
public utility or a municipal electric utility.

(b) Those persons or corporations furnish electricity exclusively to
charge battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to or for the
public for compensation.

(c) Those persons or corporations do not otherwise operate as a public
utility.

§1623. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms are defined as and mean the
following:

(1) "Commission" means the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

(2) "Electric public utility" for the purposes of sale for resale of power
related to electric vehicles, or other activities related to operators of electric
vehicle equipment, shall be determined by the commission pursuant to its order
issued in Docket R-36131.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.