

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 460

BY SENATOR WARD

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS. Provides relative to a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 **CHAPTER 15. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

10 **EQUIPMENT NETWORKS**

11 **§1621. Short Title**

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

14 **§1622. Purpose; legislative intent**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 §1623. Definitions

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

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

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

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

