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H. F. No. **2751**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy
04/09/2018 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; regulating electric vehicle charging station parking;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 169.011, by adding subdivisions;
1.4 169.34, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.5 169.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 26b. **Electric vehicle parking space.** "Electric vehicle parking space" means a
1.10 public or private parking space, including at an off-street parking facility, that is identified
1.11 for electric vehicles.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 26c. **Electric vehicle station.** "Electric vehicle station" means an electric vehicle
1.15 parking space that is equipped to recharge an electric vehicle or other electric vehicle energy
1.16 storage device.

1.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.34, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 2. **Violation; penalty for owner or lessee.** (a) If a motor vehicle is stopped,
1.19 standing, or parked in violation of subdivision 1 or section 169.348, subdivision 2, the owner
1.20 of the vehicle, or for a leased motor vehicle the lessee of the vehicle, is guilty of a petty
1.21 misdemeanor.

2.1 (b) The owner or lessee may not be fined under paragraph (a) if (1) another person is
2.2 convicted for, or pleads guilty to, that violation, or (2) the motor vehicle was stolen at the
2.3 time of the violation.

2.4 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a lessor of a motor vehicle if the lessor keeps a record
2.5 of the name and address of the lessee.

2.6 (d) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit or limit the prosecution of a motor vehicle operator
2.7 for violating subdivision 1.

2.8 (e) A violation under paragraph (a) does not constitute grounds for revocation or
2.9 suspension of the owner's or lessee's driver's license.

2.10 Sec. 4. **169.348] ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING AREAS.**

2.11 Subdivision 1. **Electric vehicle parking space signs.** (a) An electric vehicle parking
2.12 space is designated under this section if a posted sign meets the requirements under paragraph
2.13 (b) and identifies the parking space as an electric vehicle station.

2.14 (b) A posted sign for an electric vehicle parking space must meet applicable design
2.15 standards adopted by the commissioner under section 169.06, subdivision 1, and must be
2.16 visible from inside a motor vehicle parked within the space, clear of snow or other
2.17 obstructions that block its visibility, and nonmovable.

2.18 Subd. 2. **Parking prohibitions, exceptions.** (a) Except for an electric vehicle, a person
2.19 must not stop or park a vehicle in a designated electric vehicle parking space, whether on
2.20 public or private property.

2.21 (b) A person must not obstruct access to a designated electric vehicle parking space or
2.22 associated access aisle, whether on public or private property.

2.23 (c) A person may stop or park a vehicle in a designated electric vehicle parking space
2.24 if:

2.25 (1) it is at a time outside any restricted parking hours identified by the parking space
2.26 sign, and no other restrictions identified by the sign apply;

2.27 (2) the owner or manager of the property where the parking space is located authorizes
2.28 the vehicle to stop or park; or

2.29 (3) it is in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device.

2.30 Subd. 3. **Violation; penalty.** The provisions of section 169.34, subdivision 2, apply for
2.31 a violation under subdivision 2.