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# Bill 123

## **An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act respecting electric vehicle charging stations**

### **Co-sponsors:**

Mr. L. Coe

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### **Private Members' Bill**

1st Reading      June 4, 2019

2nd Reading      November 28, 2019

3rd Reading

Royal Assent

*(Reprinted as amended by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills  
and as reported to the Legislative Assembly December 11, 2019)*

*(The provisions in this Bill will be renumbered after 3rd Reading)*



This reprint of the Bill is marked to indicate the changes that were made in Committee.  
The changes are indicated by underlines for new text and a ~~striethrough~~ for deleted text.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act* to add Part III.1, which provides that no person shall park a vehicle in an electric vehicle charging station that is identified by a sign that satisfies the requirements prescribed by regulation, unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle and it is attached to the station's charging equipment. The Part also sets out a penalty for any contravention.

**An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act respecting  
electric vehicle charging stations**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 The *Highway Traffic Act* is amended by adding the following Part:**

**PART III.1  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

**Definitions**

**30.1** In this Part,

“electric vehicle” means,

- (a) a battery electric vehicle that runs only on a battery and an electric drive train, or
- (b) a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that runs on a battery and an electric drive train, and also uses an internal combustion engine; (“véhicule électrique”)

“electric vehicle charging station” means a publicly or privately-owned parking space that provides access to equipment that supplies a source of electricity for charging electric vehicles. (“station de recharge pour véhicules électriques”)

**~~Improper use~~**

~~**30.2** No person shall leave a vehicle unattended in an electric vehicle charging station unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle and the vehicle is attached to the station’s charging equipment.~~

**Improper use**

**30.2** No person shall park a vehicle in an electric vehicle charging station that is identified by a sign that satisfies the prescribed requirements unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle and the vehicle is attached to the station’s charging equipment.

**Penalty**

**30.3** A person who contravenes section 30.2 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of \$125.

**Regulations**

**30.4** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any matters which, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, are necessary or advisable for the purposes of this Part, including,

- ~~— (a) requiring the erection of signs and the placing of markings to identify electric vehicle charging stations, and prescribing the types, content and location of the signs and markings;~~
- (a) prescribing requirements for a sign for the purposes of section 30.2;
- (b) providing for exemptions from this Part.

**Commencement**

**2 This Act comes into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.**

**Short title**

**3 The short title of this Act is the *Reserved Parking for Electric Vehicle Charging Act, 2019*.**