## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL No. 1125 Session of 2024

## INTRODUCED BY KANE, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, COMITTA, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER AND STREET, MAY 1, 2024

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MAY 1, 2024

## AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation, alteration and termination of condominiums, providing for electric vehicle charging stations; in creation, alteration and termination of cooperatives, providing for electric vehicle charging stations; and, in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, providing for electric vehicle charging stations.
9	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10	hereby enacts as follows:
11	Section 1. Title 68 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
12	Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:
13	§ 3224. Electric vehicle charging stations.
14	Notwithstanding contrary provisions of a declaration or
15	bylaws of a condominium:
16	(1) A unit owner may submit an application to install an
17	electric vehicle charging station for the personal,
18	noncommercial use of the unit owner, in compliance with the
19	requirements of this section:
20	(i) in a space assigned to the unit and used for the
21	parking or storage of automobiles, trucks, boats, campers

1	<u>or other vehicles; or</u>
2	(ii) in a limited common element with the written
3	approval of the unit owner of each unit to which use of
4	the limited common element is reserved.
5	(2) A unit owners' association may not prohibit
6	installation or use of a charging station installed and used
7	in compliance with the requirements of this section.
8	(3) When the unit owner complies or agrees to comply
9	with the requirements of this section, the unit owners'
10	association shall approve the completed application within 60
11	days after the unit owner submits the application unless the
12	delay in approving the application is based on a reasonable
13	request for additional information.
14	(4) In addition to such other reasonable rules and
15	regulations as the unit owners' association may adopt, the
16	unit owners' association:
17	<u>(i) May require a unit owner to submit an</u>
18	application before installing a charging station.
19	(ii) May require the charging station to meet the
20	architectural standards of the condominium.
21	<u>(iii) May impose reasonable charges to recover costs</u>
22	of the review and permitting of the charging station.
23	(iv) May impose reasonable restrictions on the
24	installation and use of the charging station that do not
25	significantly increase the cost of the charging station
26	or significantly decrease the efficiency or performance
27	of the charging station.
28	(5) The charging station must be installed by a
29	qualified electrician that:
30	(i) has completed a State registered electrician

1	apprenticeship program; and
2	(ii) is in compliance with all applicable State or
3	municipality codes, regulations and ordinances regarding
4	<u>electricians.</u>
5	(6) The unit owner is responsible for:
6	(i) All costs associated with installation and use
7	of the charging station, including:
8	(A) The cost of electricity associated with the
9	charging station.
10	(B) The cost of any damage to general common
11	elements, limited common elements and areas subject
12	to the exclusive use of other unit owners that
13	results from the installation, use, maintenance,
14	repair, removal or replacement of the charging
15	station.
16	(C) Filing reports with the Department of
17	Revenue as required under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 90 (relating
18	to liquid fuels and fuels tax).
19	(ii) Disclosure to a prospective buyer of the unit
20	of the existence of the charging station and the related
21	responsibilities of the unit owner under this section.
22	(7) If the unit owners' association reasonably
23	determines that the cumulative use of electricity in the
24	condominium attributable to the installation and use of
25	charging stations requires the installation of additional
26	infrastructure improvements to provide the condominium with a
27	sufficient supply of electricity, or if the unit owners'
28	association reasonably determines that other improvements are
29	reasonably necessary for the safe use and operation of the
30	charging stations, the unit owners' association may condition
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1	approval on the unit owner bearing the expense of the cost of
2	the additional improvements against the unit of each unit
3	owner that seeks permission to install a charging station.
4	(8) Unless the unit owner and the unit owners'
5	association agree otherwise:
6	(i) A charging station installed under this section
7	is deemed to be the personal property of the unit owner
8	of the unit with which the charging station is
9	associated.
10	(ii) The unit owner must remove the charging station
11	and restore the premises to the condition before
12	installation of the charging station before the unit
13	owner transfers ownership of the unit, unless the
14	prospective buyer of the unit accepts ownership and all
15	rights and responsibilities that apply to the charging
16	station under this section.
17	(9) Installation of the charging station shall minimally
18	require the following:
19	(i) A pedestal, or similar, charging station that is
20	hard-wired into the electrical system that must be a
21	certified electrical product.
22	(ii) If the unit owner owns the charging station,
23	the unit owner shall:
24	(A) Maintain a homeowner liability insurance
25	policy in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 that
26	includes coverage of the charging station.
27	(B) Name the unit owners' association as a named
28	additional insured under the policy with a right to
29	notice of cancellation of the policy.
30	(10) In an action between a unit owner and a unit

1	owners' association to enforce compliance with this section,
2	the prevailing party is entitled to an award of attorney fees
3	and costs.
4	§ 4222. Electric vehicle charging stations.
5	Notwithstanding contrary provisions of a declaration or
6	bylaws of a cooperative:
7	(1) A proprietary lessee may submit an application to
8	install an electric vehicle charging station for the
9	personal, noncommercial use of the proprietary lessee, in
10	compliance with the requirements of this section:
11	(i) in a space assigned to the unit and used for the
12	parking or storage of automobiles, trucks, boats, campers
13	<u>or other vehicles; or</u>
14	(ii) in a limited common element with the written
15	approval of the proprietary lessee of each unit to which
16	use of the limited common element is reserved.
17	(2) An association may not prohibit installation or use
18	of a charging station installed and used in compliance with
19	the requirements of this section.
20	(3) When the proprietary lessee complies or agrees to
21	comply with the requirements of this section, the association
22	shall approve the completed application within 60 days after
23	the proprietary lessee submits the application, unless the
24	delay in approving the application is based on a reasonable
25	request for additional information.
26	(4) In addition to such other reasonable rules and
27	regulations as the association may adopt, the association:
28	(i) May require a proprietary lessee to submit an
29	application before installing a charging station.
30	(ii) May require the charging station to meet the

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1	architectural standards of the condominium.
2	(iii) May impose reasonable charges to recover costs
3	of the review and permitting of the charging station.
4	(iv) May impose reasonable restrictions on the
5	installation and use of the charging station that do not
6	significantly increase the cost of the charging station
7	or significantly decrease the efficiency or performance
8	of the charging station.
9	(5) The charging station must be installed by a
10	qualified electrician that:
11	(i) has completed a State registered electrician
12	apprenticeship program; and
13	(ii) is in compliance with all applicable State or
14	municipality codes, regulations and ordinances regarding
15	electricians.
16	(6) The proprietary lessee is responsible for:
17	(i) All costs associated with installation and use
18	of the charging station, including:
19	(A) The cost of electricity associated with the
20	charging station.
21	(B) The cost of any damage to general common
22	elements, limited common elements and areas subject
23	to the exclusive use of other proprietary lessees
24	that results from the installation, use, maintenance,
25	repair, removal or replacement of the charging
26	station.
27	(C) Filing reports with the Department of
28	Revenue as required under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 90 (relating
29	to liquid fuels and fuels tax).

1	of the existence of the charging station and the related
2	responsibilities of the proprietary lessee under this
3	section.
4	(7) If the association reasonably determines that the
5	cumulative use of electricity in the cooperative attributable
6	to the installation and use of charging stations requires the
7	installation of additional infrastructure improvements to
8	provide the cooperative with a sufficient supply of
9	electricity, or if the association reasonably determines that
10	other improvements are reasonably necessary for the safe use
11	and operation of the charging stations, the association may
12	condition approval of the proprietary lessee bearing the
13	expense of the cost of the additional improvements against
14	the unit of each proprietary lessee that seeks permission to
15	install a charging station.
16	(8) Unless the proprietary lessee and the association
17	<u>agree otherwise:</u>
18	(i) A charging station installed under this section
19	is deemed to be the personal property of the proprietary
20	lessee of the unit with which the charging station is
21	associated.
22	(ii) The proprietary lessee must remove the charging
23	station and restore the premises to the condition before
24	installation of the charging station before the
25	proprietary lessee transfers ownership of the unit,
26	unless the prospective buyer of the unit accepts
27	ownership and all rights and responsibilities that apply
28	to the charging station under this section.
29	(9) Installation of the charging station shall minimally

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1	(i) A pedestal, or similar, charging station that is
2	hard-wired into the electrical system that must be a
3	certified electrical product.
4	(ii) If the proprietary lessee owns the charging
5	station, the proprietary lessee shall:
6	(A) Maintain a homeowner liability insurance
7	policy in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 that
8	includes coverage of the charging station.
9	(B) Name the association as a named additional
10	insured under the policy with a right to notice of
11	cancellation of the policy.
12	(10) In an action between a proprietary lessee and an
13	association to enforce compliance with this section, the
14	prevailing party is entitled to an award of attorney fees and
15	<u>costs.</u>
16	<u>§ 5224. Electric vehicle charging stations.</u>
17	Notwithstanding contrary provisions of a declaration or
18	bylaws of a planned community:
19	(1) A unit owner may submit an application to install an
20	electric vehicle charging station for the personal,
21	noncommercial use of the unit owner, in compliance with the
22	requirements of this section:
23	(i) in a space assigned to the unit and used for the
24	parking or storage of automobiles, trucks, boats, campers
25	or other vehicles; or
26	(ii) in a limited common element with the written
27	approval of the unit owner of each unit to which use of
28	the limited common element is reserved.
29	(2) An association may not prohibit installation or use
30	of a charging station installed and used in compliance with

1	the requirements of this section.
2	(3) When the unit owner complies or agrees to comply
3	with the requirements of this section, the association shall
4	approve the completed application within 60 days after the
5	unit owner submits the application unless the delay in
6	approving the application is based on a reasonable request
7	for additional information.
8	(4) In addition to such other reasonable rules and
9	regulations as the association may adopt, the association:
10	<u>(i) May require a unit owner to submit an</u>
11	application before installing a charging station.
12	(ii) May require the charging station to meet the
13	architectural standards of the planned community.
14	(iii) May impose reasonable charges to recover costs
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5	to the exclusive use of other unit owners that
6	results from the installation, use, maintenance,
7	repair, removal or replacement of the charging
8	station.
9	(C) Filing reports with the Department of
10	<u>Revenue as required under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 90 (relating</u>
11	to liquid fuels and fuels tax).
12	(ii) Disclosure to a prospective buyer of the unit
13	of the existence of the charging station and the related
14	responsibilities of the unit owner under this section.
15	(7) If the association reasonably determines that the
16	cumulative use of electricity in the planned community
17	attributable to the installation and use of charging stations
18	requires the installation of additional infrastructure
19	improvements to provide the planned community with a
20	sufficient supply of electricity, or if the association
21	reasonably determines that other improvements are reasonably
22	necessary for the safe use and operation of the charging
23	stations, the association may condition approval of the unit
24	owner bearing the expense of the cost of the additional
25	improvements against the unit of each unit owner that seeks
26	permission to install a charging station.
27	(8) Unless the unit owner and the association agree
28	<u>otherwise:</u>
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19	includes coverage of the charging station.
20	(B) Name the association as a named additional
21	insured under the policy with a right to notice of
22	cancellation of the policy.
23	(10) In an action between a unit owner and an
24	association to enforce compliance with this section, the
25	prevailing party is entitled to an award of attorney fees and
26	<u>costs.</u>
27	Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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