AN ACT

To require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Charging Helps Agen-
cies Realize General Efficiencies Act” or the “CHARGE
Act”.

SEC. 2. PAYMENT BY CHARGE CARD FOR CHARGING FED-
ERAL ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

(1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
ministrator of General Services;

(2) the term “charge card”—

(A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or
other means existing for the purpose of obtain-
ing money, property, labor, or services; and

(B) includes—

(i) a card issued under the GSA
SmartPay program; and

(ii) a Fleet Services card;

(3) the term “covered electric motor vehicle”
means a passenger carrier that is—

(A) a passenger motor vehicle; and

(B) an electric motor vehicle;

(4) the term “electric motor vehicle” has the
meaning given the term in section 601 of the Energy
Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13271);

(5) the term “electric motor vehicle charging
station” means a battery-charging station that per-
mits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or
inductive means) to a battery or other storage device
in an electric motor vehicle; and

(6) the terms “Federal agency” and “passenger
carrier” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
tion 1344(h) of title 31, United States Code.

(b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
issue guidance to clarify that each Federal agency may,
in accordance with section 1344 of title 31, United States
Code—

(1) charge a covered electric motor vehicle at a
commercial electric motor vehicle charging station;
and

(2) pay for a transaction described in para-
graph (1) with a charge card.

(c) ISSUANCE OF CHARGE CARDS.—Not later than
180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
ministrator shall issue to each Federal agency a charge
card for each covered electric motor vehicle of the Federal
agency that may be used by an officer or employee of the
Federal agency to pay for charging the covered motor ve-
hicle in accordance with the guidance issued under sub-
section (b).

Passed the Senate November 21, 2019.

Attest: JULIE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.