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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a wireless electric vehicle charging program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature recognizes electric
2 vehicles are crucial to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, reducing reli-
3 ance on fossil fuels, strengthening the economy, and combating the
4 climate crisis. As of 2019, the transportation sector accounts for twen-
5 ty-nine percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, which is the most of
6 any sector. Increasing the adoption of electric vehicles will reduce
7 pollution and increase air quality for communities located near roads
8 with high traffic density or high-volume routes. As the automotive
9 industry shifts towards electric vehicles, investing in new electric
10 vehicle technologies will be crucial to enhancing New York's competi-
11 tiveness, creating jobs, and ensuring continued economic growth.
12 Range anxiety is one of the chief barriers to electric vehicle
13 adoption. If deployed strategically, static and dynamic wireless elec-
14 tric vehicle charging options could help by providing drivers convenient
15 opportunities to charge and extend the range of electric vehicles. Wire-
16 less charging technologies could be invaluable for electric transit
17 buses, trucking, fleet vehicles, and autonomous electric vehicles,
18 allowing for convenient and hands-free charging, while also lowering
19 costs, as effective wireless charging would reduce the need for larger
20 and heavier batteries. Wireless and dynamic charging can also reduce
21 pressure on the grid, allowing vehicles to charge through space and
22 time, shaving peak demand and reducing the need to build massive charg-
23 ing capacity at any given location to meet growing electric vehicle
24 charging demand.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 Wireless can enhance electrification of fleets, including medium and
2 heavy-duty vehicles, helping them meet operational needs that cannot be
3 met solely by traditional charging systems. Wireless electric vehicle
4 charging has the potential to make electric vehicles more accessible and
5 allow all people, regardless of physical ability, to enjoy the benefits
6 of electric vehicles.

7 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
8 1885 to read as follows:

9 § 1885. Wireless electric vehicle charging program. 1. The authority
10 shall establish a program, in consultation with the department of trans-
11 portation, to research and provide incentives to eligible entities for
12 projects to construct, install, or improve existing static and dynamic
13 wireless charging infrastructure and technology for electric vehicles,
14 including performance, safety, electromagnetic compatibility, interoper-
15 ability, development, and testing of static and dynamic wireless charg-
16 ing.

17 2. The authority shall promulgate rules and regulations which shall
18 include criteria for determining eligibility, incentives and governing
19 disbursement of funds pursuant to the program. Such incentives shall not
20 be limited to funds appropriated therefor and may consist of monies from
21 any source, public or private, made available for such incentives.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
23 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
24 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
25 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
26 on or before such effective date.