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An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by Condominium and Residential Associations

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and

Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, NANGLE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CROCKETT of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §576-A is enacted to read:

§576-A. Electric vehicle charging station not prohibited

The bylaws, administrative rules and regulations, covenants, conditions, deed restrictions or declarations applicable to a unit may not contain a covenant, restriction or condition that prohibits a unit owner from installing or using an electric vehicle charging station within an owner's unit or parking space, including, but not limited to, a parking space in an owner's exclusive use common area or a parking space that is specifically designated for use by a particular owner.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §1603-106, sub-§(d) is enacted to read:

(d) An association may not include in its bylaws or declaration, or any rule adopted pursuant to the bylaws or declaration, or any deed a restriction that prohibits a unit owner from installing or using an electric vehicle charging station within an owner's unit or parking space, including, but not limited to, a parking space in an owner's exclusive use common area or a parking space that is specifically designated for use by a particular owner.

17 SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a condominium association or other association of owners of residential real estate from limiting a unit owner's ability to install or use an electric vehicle charging station within the owner's unit or parking space.