

# HOUSE BILL 1316

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the construction of certain new housing units~~ a builder of  
4 certain new housing units or a builder's agent to provide each buyer or prospective  
5 buyer with the option to include on or in a certain garage, carport, or driveway a  
6 certain electric vehicle charging station or a dedicated electric line with certain  
7 voltage under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the construction of certain housing~~  
8 ~~units that include certain off street communal parking to ensure that a certain~~  
9 ~~number of spaces include an electric vehicle charging station under certain~~  
10 ~~circumstances; requiring certain communal parking spaces to be marked in a certain~~  
11 ~~manner;~~ requiring a certain builder or builder's agent to give to certain buyers and  
12 prospective buyers notice of certain options and information about certain rebate  
13 programs under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act;  
14 defining certain terms; and generally relating to electric vehicle charging and new  
15 residential construction.

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Public Safety  
18 Section 12–205  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Public Safety**

**12-205.**

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
INDICATED.

(2) “ELECTRIC VEHICLE” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT USES ELECTRICITY  
FOR PROPULSION.

(3) “ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION” MEANS A CONNECTED  
POINT IN AN ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLATION AT WHICH CURRENT IS TAKEN TO  
CHARGE A BATTERY OR ANY OTHER ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE IN AN ELECTRIC  
VEHICLE.

(4) “LEVEL 2 CHARGING” MEANS A LEVEL 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE  
CHARGING LEVEL AS DEFINED BY SAE INTERNATIONAL’S J1772 STANDARD.

(5) “VEHICLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-176 OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING  
UNITS, INCLUDING:

(1) SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOMES; AND

(2) TOWN HOUSES; ~~AND~~

~~(3) MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.~~

(C) IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE OR MORE NEW HOUSING UNITS WILL  
INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE GARAGE, CARPORT, OR DRIVEWAY FOR EACH HOUSING  
UNIT, ~~THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL~~ THE BUILDER OR THE BUILDER’S AGENT SHALL  
PROVIDE EACH BUYER OR PROSPECTIVE BUYER WITH THE OPTION TO INCLUDE IN  
OR ON EACH THE GARAGE, CARPORT, OR DRIVEWAY:

(1) AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION CAPABLE OF  
PROVIDING AT LEAST LEVEL 2 CHARGING; OR

(2) A DEDICATED ELECTRIC LINE OF SUFFICIENT VOLTAGE TO  
SUPPORT THE LATER ADDITION OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION  
CAPABLE OF PROVIDING AT LEAST LEVEL 2 CHARGING.

~~(D) (1) IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING UNITS WILL NOT INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE GARAGE, CARPORT, OR DRIVEWAY FOR EACH HOUSING UNIT BUT WILL INCLUDE OFF-STREET COMMUNAL PARKING, THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE COMMUNAL PARKING SPACE FOR EACH 25 RESIDENTIAL UNITS FEATURES AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION CAPABLE OF PROVIDING AT LEAST LEVEL 2 CHARGING.~~

~~(2) COMMUNAL PARKING SPACES FEATURING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS SHALL BE MARKED AS INTENDED FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING ONLY.~~

(D) THE BUILDER OR BUILDER'S AGENT SHALL GIVE TO EACH BUYER OR PROSPECTIVE BUYER:

(1) NOTICE OF THE OPTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT ANY AVAILABLE REBATE PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any new construction for which a building permit is issued before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.