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# H. R. 3521

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mrs. LAWRENCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Postal Service Electric  
5 Fleet Authorization Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR UNITED**  
2 **STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR MODERNIZA-**  
3 **TION OF POSTAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to the United  
5 States Postal Service \$8,000,000,000, to remain available  
6 until expended, for the acquisition of vehicles and the in-  
7 frastructure required to operate a fleet of electric vehicles.  
8 Any amounts appropriated under this subsection shall be  
9 deposited into the Postal Service Fund established under  
10 section 2003 of title 39, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 3. ELECTRIC OR ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES FOR**  
12 **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FLEET.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any next generation delivery vehi-  
14 cle purchased by the United States Postal Service using  
15 the funds appropriated under section 2 shall, to the great-  
16 est extent practicable, be an electric or zero-emission vehi-  
17 cle, and the Postal Service shall ensure that at least 75  
18 percent of the total number of vehicles purchased using  
19 such funds shall be electric or zero-emission vehicles. In  
20 this subsection, the term “next generation delivery vehi-  
21 cle” means a vehicle purchased to replace a right-hand  
22 drive, long-life vehicle in use by the Postal Service.

23 (b) MEDIUM AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES.—

24 (1) DATE OF ENACTMENT AND 2025.—Between  
25 the period beginning on the date of enactment of  
26 this Act and ending on December 31, 2024, not less

1       than 75 percent of the total number of new medium  
2       or heavy-duty vehicles purchased by the Postal Serv-  
3       ice during such period shall be electric or zero-emis-  
4       sion vehicles.

5           (2) AFTER 2029.—Beginning on January 1,  
6       2030, the Postal Service may not purchase any new  
7       medium or heavy-duty vehicle that is not an electric  
8       or zero-emission vehicle.

9       (c) COMPLIANCE.—The Postal Service shall comply  
10      with chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code, (popularly  
11      known as the Buy American Act) and any applicable Fed-  
12      eral labor or civil rights laws—

13           (1) in carrying out subsections (a) and (b); and

14           (2) with respect to any vehicle purchased using  
15      funds appropriated under section 2.

16      (d) CHARGING STATIONS.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,  
18      2026, the Postal Service shall provide, at each postal  
19      facility accessible to the public, not less than one  
20      electric vehicle charging station for use by the public  
21      or officers and employees of the Postal Service.

22           (2) FLEET OPERATION.—The Postal Service  
23      shall ensure that adequate charging stations are  
24      available at Postal Service facilities to keep the  
25      Postal Service fleet operational.

1       (e) PLAN AND UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Postmaster  
3 General shall submit to the Committee on Oversight and  
4 Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee  
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
6 Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the  
7 House of Representatives and the Senate a plan to carry  
8 out this section. The Postmaster General shall submit an  
9 update and progress report on implementing such plan to  
10 such committees not less than once every two years begin-  
11 ning on the date the plan is submitted under the previous  
12 sentence and ending on the day that is six years after such  
13 date.

14       (f) CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION.—The require-  
15 ments of subsections (a) through (e) of this section shall  
16 not apply unless the funds authorized under section 2 are  
17 appropriated.

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