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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Electric Credit Access Ready at Sale Act of 2018” or the “Electric CARS Act of 2018”.
SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF NEW QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES CREDIT.

(a) Extension.—

(1) In general.—Subsection (e) of section 30D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(e) Termination.—This section shall not apply to any new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle placed in service after December 31, 2028.”.

(2) 2- and 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicles.—Subparagraph (E) of section 30D(g)(3) of such Code is amended by striking “or” at the end of clause (i), by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii), and by inserting after clause (i) the following new clause:

“(ii) after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2029, or”.

(b) Credit May Be Assigned to Financing Entity.—Section 30D(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) Credit may be assigned to financing entity.—

“(A) In general.—The taxpayer to whom the credit which would (but for this paragraph)
be allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable
year with respect to a vehicle may assign such
credit to the person who financed the purchase
(or lease of at least 2 years) of such vehicle.
Any person to whom such credit is assigned
under the preceding sentence shall be treated
for purposes of this title as the taxpayer who
placed such vehicle in service.

“(B) Disclosure requirement.—Sub-
paragraph (A) shall not apply with respect to
any vehicle unless the person to whom the cred-
it is assigned clearly discloses in writing to the
taxpayer the amount of the credit allowable
under subsection (a) with respect to such vehi-

(c) Carryforward of Unused Credit.—Section
30D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
by redesignating subsection (g) (as amended by subsection
(a)(2)) as subsection (h), and by inserting after subsection
(f) the following new subsection:

“(g) Carryforward of Unused Credit.—

“(1) In general.—If the credit allowable
under subsection (a) (after the application of sub-
section (e)) exceeds the limitation imposed by section
subsection (a) of this section), such excess shall be

carried to the succeeding taxable year and treated as

a credit allowable under subsection (a) for such suc-
ceeding taxable year.

“(2) LIMITATION.—No amount of credit may
be carried forward under this subsection to any tax-
able year following the 5th taxable year after the

taxable year in which the credit arose. For purposes

of the preceding sentence, credits shall be treated as

used on a first-in, first-out basis.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) EXTENSION.—The amendments made by

subsection (a) shall apply to vehicles acquired after

December 31, 2017.

(2) ASSIGNMENT.—The amendments made by

subsection (b) shall apply to vehicles acquired more

than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this

Act.

(3) CARRYFORWARD.—The amendments made

by subsection (c) shall apply to vehicles sold after

the date of the enactment of this Act.
SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REFUELING PROPERTY CREDIT.

(a) In General.—Section 30C(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “2017” and inserting “2028”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2017.

SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE CREDIT.

(a) In General.—Paragraph (1) of section 30B(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “2017” and inserting “2028”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2017.