



HOPKINS HILL

FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE – RESCUE – EMS – FIRE PREVENTION

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RE: H5193

I support House Bill 5193 because it enhances safety for first responders and the community by ensuring clear identification of residences where electric and hybrid vehicles powered by lithium-ion batteries are stored. These vehicles pose unique fire risks due to the potential for thermal runaway in battery packs, which require specialized firefighting techniques. By implementing identification stickers on residences and maintaining a registry of these vehicles, emergency personnel can quickly assess potential hazards and respond more effectively in the event of a fire or other emergencies. This proactive measure not only improves public safety but also protects property and lives by equipping first responders with critical information before they arrive on the scene.

I request that the House State Government and Elections Committee support House Bill H5193 to provide Rhode Island fire service in combating lithium-ion battery fires.

Sincerely,


Chief Frank M. Brown

Cc: Representative Earl Read