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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prohibition of HOV Lanes on State Highways**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Highway Administration from designating any  
4 portion of a State highway as a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, the use of  
5 which is restricted to vehicles carrying a specified number of passengers; and  
6 generally relating to a prohibition against HOV lanes on State highways.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Transportation

9 Section 8-601.2

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 8-601.2.

16 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE ADMINISTRATION  
17 MAY NOT DESIGNATE ANY PORTION OF A STATE HIGHWAY AS A HIGH OCCUPANCY  
18 VEHICLE (HOV) LANE, THE USE OF WHICH IS RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES CARRYING  
19 A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 1997.