

HOUSE BILL 836

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Electric Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of altering and harmonizing certain variations of the defined term
4 “plug-in electric drive vehicle” as that term applies to planning by a utility for
5 the availability and reliability of electric supply, excise tax credits, and
6 exemptions allowing the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the
7 number of passengers; clarifying the application of the excise tax credit for
8 plug-in electric drive vehicles; clarifying the application of and extending the
9 termination date for the exemption allowing the use of high occupancy vehicle
10 lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles regardless of the number of passengers;
11 altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric
12 Vehicle Infrastructure Council; extending the termination date for the Council;
13 and generally relating to electric vehicles.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 10–616(p)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – State Government
21 Section 10–616(p)(5)(xvi)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

24 BY adding to
25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 11–145.1
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2012 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Transportation
3 Section 13–815 and 25–108
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2012 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Chapter 491 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010
8 Section 2

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 492 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010
11 Section 2

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Chapter 400 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
14 Section 1(b)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 400 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
17 Section 1(h) and 2

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Chapter 401 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
20 Section 1(b)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Chapter 401 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
23 Section 1(h) and 2

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

26 **Article – State Government**

27 10–616.

28 (p) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (5) of this subsection,
29 a custodian may not knowingly disclose a public record of the Motor Vehicle
30 Administration containing personal information.

31 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this
32 subsection, a custodian shall disclose personal information:

33 (xvi) for use by an electric company, as defined in § 1–101 of the
34 Public Utilities Article, but only:

1 **(B) “PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE” INCLUDES A QUALIFYING**
2 **VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED FROM ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER**
3 **SPECIFICATIONS.**

4 13–815.

5 (a) [(1)] In this [section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) “Excise] SECTION, “EXCISE tax” means the tax imposed under §
7 13–809 of this subtitle.

8 [(3) “Qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle
9 that:

10 (i) Is made by a manufacturer;

11 (ii) Is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads,
12 and highways;

13 (iii) Has not been modified from original manufacturer
14 specifications;

15 (iv) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for
16 resale;

17 (v) Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross
18 vehicle weight;

19 (vi) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per
20 hour;

21 (vii) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that
22 draws electricity from a battery that:

23 1. For a 4-wheeled motor vehicle, has a capacity of not
24 less than 4 kilowatt-hours;

25 2. For a 2-wheeled or 3-wheeled motor vehicle, has a
26 capacity of not less than 2.5 kilowatt-hours; and

27 3. Is capable of being recharged from an external source
28 of electricity; and

29 (viii) Is titled by the taxpayer on or after October 1, 2010, but
30 before July 1, 2013.]

1 (b) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE**
2 **VEHICLE THAT:**

3 (1) **HAS NOT BEEN MODIFIED FROM ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER**
4 **SPECIFICATIONS;**

5 (2) **IS ACQUIRED FOR USE OR LEASE BY THE TAXPAYER AND NOT**
6 **FOR RESALE; AND**

7 (3) **IS TITLED BY THE TAXPAYER ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2010,**
8 **BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2013.**

9 (c) (1) A credit is allowed against the excise tax imposed for a [qualified]
10 plug-in electric drive vehicle.

11 (2) Subject to the limitations under subsections (c) through (e) of this
12 section, the credit allowed under this section equals 100% of the excise tax imposed for
13 a vehicle.

14 [(c)] (D) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed \$2,000.

15 [(d)] (E) The credit allowed under this section is limited to the acquisition
16 of:

17 (1) One vehicle per individual; and

18 (2) 10 vehicles per business entity.

19 [(e)] (F) A credit may not be claimed under this section:

20 (1) For a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered in the State;

21 (2) Unless the manufacturer has already conformed to any applicable
22 State or federal laws or regulations governing clean-fuel vehicle or electric vehicle
23 purchases applicable during the calendar year in which the vehicle is titled; or

24 (3) For a vehicle that was initially registered in another state.

25 [(f)] (G) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall administer the credit
26 under this section.

27 25-108.

28 (a) [(1)] In this [section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) SECTION, “HOV lane” means a high occupancy vehicle lane, the use
2 of which is restricted by a traffic control device during specified times to vehicles
3 carrying at least a specified number of occupants.

4 [(3) “Plug-in vehicle” means a motor vehicle that:

5 (i) Is made by a manufacturer;

6 (ii) Is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads,
7 and highways;

8 (iii) Has not been modified from original manufacturer
9 specifications;

10 (iv) Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross
11 vehicle weight;

12 (v) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles per
13 hour; and

14 (vi) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that
15 draws electricity from a battery that:

16 1. Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours for
17 4-wheeled motor vehicles and not less than 2.5 kilowatt-hours for 2-wheeled or
18 3-wheeled motor vehicles; and

19 2. Is capable of being recharged from an external source
20 of electricity.]

21 (b) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE**
22 **VEHICLE THAT HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED CAPABILITY OF AT LEAST 65 MILES PER**
23 **HOUR.**

24 (c) Whenever the State Highway Administration designates a portion of a
25 highway as an HOV lane, the HOV lane may be used at all times by plug-in
26 **ELECTRIC DRIVE** vehicles that have obtained a permit from the Administration
27 under this section, regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle.

28 [(c)] (d) (1) The Administration, the State Highway Administration, and
29 the Department of State Police shall consult to design a permit to designate a vehicle
30 as a plug-in **ELECTRIC DRIVE** vehicle authorized to use an HOV lane.

31 (2) The Administration may charge a fee, not to exceed \$20, for issuing
32 a permit under this section.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (b) There is a Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council.

4 (h) (1) On or before [January 1, 2012] **DECEMBER 1, 2013 AND**
5 **DECEMBER 1, 2014**, the Council shall submit [an interim report] **INTERIM**
6 **REPORTS** of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246
7 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 (2) On or before [December 1, 2012] **JUNE 30, 2015**, the Council shall
9 submit a final report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to
10 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 4 years and, at the end of June
13 30, [2013] **2015**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
14 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2013.