

SENATE BILL 33

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

Requested: November 15, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Use of High Occupancy Vehicle**
3 **(HOV) Lanes**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle in a high occupancy
5 vehicle (HOV) lane except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain
6 vehicles to be driven in HOV lanes at all times; defining a certain term; and
7 generally relating to the use of HOV lanes.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–314

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 **21–314.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HOV LANE” MEANS A HIGH OCCUPANCY**
18 **VEHICLE LANE, THE USE OF WHICH IS RESTRICTED BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL**
19 **DEVICE DURING SPECIFIED TIMES TO VEHICLES CARRYING AT LEAST A**
20 **SPECIFIED NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A**
2 **PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE IN AN HOV LANE UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY**
3 **A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.**

4 **(C) THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES MAY BE DRIVEN IN AN HOV LANE AT**
5 **ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS IN OR ON THE**
6 **VEHICLE:**

7 **(1) A BUS;**

8 **(2) A MOTORCYCLE; AND**

9 **(3) A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE DISPLAYING A VALID**
10 **PERMIT ISSUED UNDER § 25-108 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2014.