

HOUSE BILL 1020

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle connected for recharging purposes in a parking space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles and provides access to a plug-in electric drive vehicle recharging station; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in electric drive vehicles; authorizing a parking facility to have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this Act towed or removed under certain circumstances, subject to certain standards and requirements; and generally relating to reserved parking spaces for plug-in electric drive vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11-145.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21-1007.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

11-145.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (a) “Plug-in electric drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle that:
- (1) Is made by a manufacturer;
 - (2) Is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways;
 - (3) Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross vehicle weight;
 - (4) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour; and
 - (5) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:
 - (i) Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours for 4-wheeled motor vehicles and not less than 2.5 kilowatt-hours for 2-wheeled or 3-wheeled motor vehicles; and
 - (ii) Is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

(b) “Plug-in electric drive vehicle” includes a qualifying vehicle that has been modified from original manufacturer specifications.

21-1007.1.

(A) UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE THAT IS CONNECTED FOR RECHARGING PURPOSES, A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK THE VEHICLE IN A PARKING SPACE THAT:

- (1) IS DESIGNATED FOR THE USE OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES; AND**
- (2) PROVIDES ACCESS TO A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE RECHARGING STATION.**

(B) A SIGN DESIGNATING A PARKING SPACE FOR THE USE OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES THAT ARE CONNECTED FOR RECHARGING PURPOSES SHALL:

- (1) BE AT LEAST 24 INCHES HIGH AND 30 INCHES WIDE;**

(2) BE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ENTERING THE PARKING SPACE; AND

(3) STATE THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE TICKETED OR TOWED OR REMOVED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

(c) (1) A PRIVATELY OWNED PARKING FACILITY MAY HAVE A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TOWED OR REMOVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 10A OF THIS TITLE.

(2) (i) A PARKING FACILITY OWNED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY HAVE A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TOWED OR REMOVED IF AUTHORIZED BY LOCAL LAW.

(ii) A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OR REMOVAL OF A VEHICLE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 10A OF THIS TITLE.

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