

HOUSE BILL 288

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By: **Delegate Lafferty**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Regulation of Parking – Jurisdiction**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain State and local entities may regulate the parking
4 of vehicles on highways over which the entity has jurisdiction; and generally relating
5 to State and local jurisdiction over the regulation of parking.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 25–105
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 26–301(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 25–105.

20 (a) On every highway under its jurisdiction, the State Highway Administration
21 shall place and maintain those traffic control devices that it considers necessary to carry
22 out the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. Each
23 of these traffic control devices shall conform to the manual and specifications of the State
24 Highway Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) A local authority may place or maintain a traffic control device on a highway
2 under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration only with the permission and
3 under the direction of the State Highway Administration.

4 26–301.

5 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any State agency authorized by law
6 and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

7 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles **ON HIGHWAYS OVER WHICH THE**
8 **STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HAS JURISDICTION;**

9 (2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the
10 ordinances or regulations;

11 (3) Regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately
12 owned parking lots; and

13 (4) Provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an
14 ordinance or regulation that is adopted under this section.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2015.