

HOUSE BILL 818

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Pena–Melnik, Barkley, Carr, Morales, and Smith**
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Lane Changes**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a driver may move out of or
4 into a lane by authorizing the move when it is safe to do so rather than when the
5 driver has determined it is safe to do so; and generally relating to rules of the road
6 for driving on laned roadways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 21–309(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 21–309.

16 (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane
17 and may not be moved from that lane or moved from a shoulder or bikeway into a lane until
18 [the driver has determined that] it is safe to do so.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

