SENATE BILL 125

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By: Senator Serafini

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemptions

- FOR the purpose of creating an exception for qualified hybrid vehicles to the requirement that certain motor vehicles that are exempt from the vehicle emissions inspection program be driven not more than a certain number of miles annually; altering the information that owners of motor vehicles are required to certify to qualify for certain exemptions from the vehicle emissions inspection program; defining the term "qualified hybrid vehicle"; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to exemptions from the vehicle emissions inspection program.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article Transportation
- 12 Section 23–202(a)(1) and (b)(1)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article Transportation
- 17 Section 23–206.2
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Transportation
- 23 23–202.

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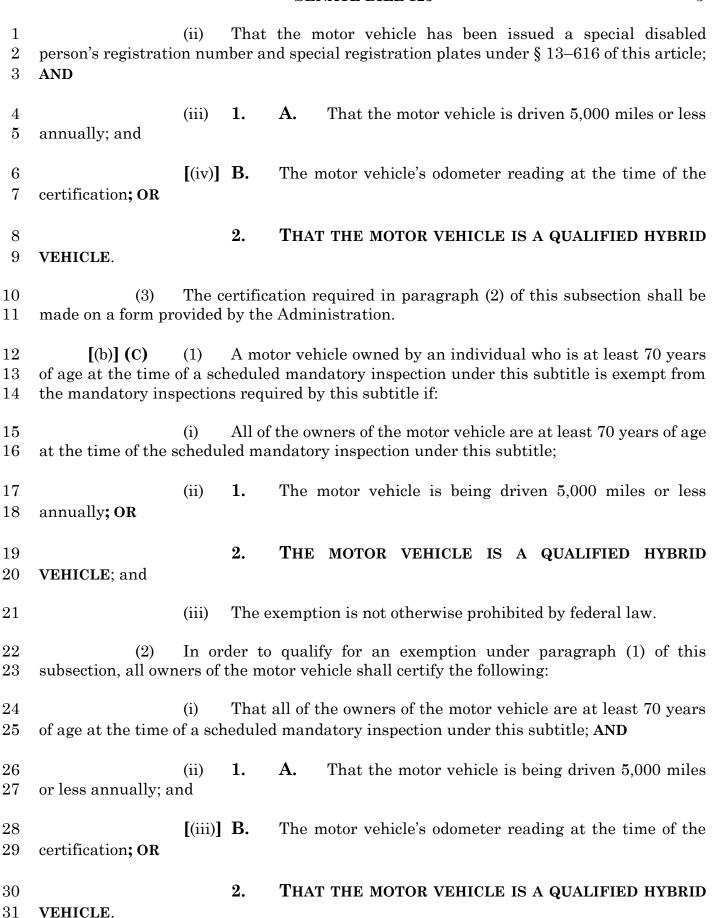
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(2)

- 1 (a) (1) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the Administration and the 2 Secretary shall establish an emissions control program in the State in accordance with the 3 federal Clean Air Act. 4 (b) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the emissions control program shall provide for a biennial exhaust emissions test and emissions equipment and 5 misfueling inspection for all vehicles of the 1977 model year and each model year thereafter. 6 7 23-206.2. 8 IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED HYBRID VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR 9 VEHICLE THAT: 10 **(1)** MEETS THE CURRENT VEHICLE EXHAUST STANDARD SET UNDER THE NATIONAL LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM FOR GASOLINE-POWERED 11 12 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES; AND 13 **(2)** OBTAINS PROPULSION FROM BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ON-BOARD SOURCES OF STORED ENERGY: 14 15 **(I)** GASOLINE OR DIESEL FUEL; AND 16 (II)A RECHARGEABLE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM. 17 A motor vehicle for which special registration plates have been issued 18 under § 13–616 of this article is exempt from the mandatory inspections required by this subtitle if: 19 20 All of the owners of the motor vehicle meet the disability (i) requirements of § 13–616(b)(1) of this article; 2122 (ii) 1. The motor vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually; 23OR 2. 24THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A QUALIFIED HYBRID 25**VEHICLE**; and 26 (iii) The exemption is not otherwise prohibited by federal law.
- 29 (i) That the owner of the motor vehicle meets the disability 30 requirements of § 13–616(b)(1) of this article;

subsection, all owners of the motor vehicle shall certify the following:

In order to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this



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- 1 (3) The certification required in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be 2 made on a form provided by the Administration.
- 3 **[**(c)**] (D)** The Administrator may adopt regulations as necessary to administer or 4 enforce [the provisions of] this section.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 6 October 1, 2016.