SENATE BILL 751

R5 8lr3700 CF HB 714

By: Senator Simonaire

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 12, 2018

CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Vehicle Laws - HOV Lanes - Plug-In Electric Drive and Hybrid Vehicles

- 3 FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for certain provisions of law authorizing certain hybrid vehicles to use a certain high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane regardless 4 5 of the number of passengers under certain circumstances; extending the termination 6 date for certain provisions of law making certain requirements regarding the use of 7 HOV lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles applicable to qualified hybrid vehicles; extending the termination date for the exemption allowing the use of HOV lanes by 8 9 plug-in electric drive vehicles; and generally relating to the use of HOV lanes by 10 plug-in electric drive and hybrid vehicles.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 12 Article Transportation
- 13 Section 25–108
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 17 Chapter 491 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010, as amended by Chapters
- 18 64 and 65 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013 and Chapter 734 of the
- 19 Acts of the General Assembly of 2016
- 20 Section 2
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 22 Chapter 492 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010, as amended by Chapters

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



33

not degraded to an unacceptable level.

1 2 3	64 and 65 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013 and Chapter 734 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016 Section 2	
4 5 6	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 734 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016 Section 4	
7 8	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:	
9	Article - Transportation	
10	25–108.	
11 12 13		
14	(b)	This section applies only to:
15 16	at least 65 m	(1) A plug—in electric drive vehicle that has a maximum speed capability of iles per hour; and
17		(2) A qualified hybrid vehicle as defined in § 23–202(b)(3) of this article.
18 19 20 21	vehicles that	(1) Whenever the State Highway Administration designates a portion of a in HOV lane, the HOV lane may be used at all times by plug—in electric drive have obtained a permit from the Administration under this section, regardless or of passengers in the vehicle.
22 23 24 25	qualified hyb	(2) For the portion of U.S. Route 50 designated as an HOV lane, between /Interstate 495 and U.S. Route 301, the HOV lane may be used at all times by orid vehicles that have obtained a permit from the Administration under this rdless of the number of passengers in the vehicle.
26 27 28	-	(1) The Administration, the State Highway Administration, and the of State Police shall consult to design a permit to designate a vehicle as a ric drive vehicle or a qualified hybrid vehicle authorized to use an HOV lane.
29 30	permit under	(2) The Administration may charge a fee, not to exceed \$20, for issuing a this section.
31 32	Administrati	(3) The Administration, on the recommendation of the State Highway on, may limit the number of permits issued to ensure HOV lane operations are

1 2 3 4 5	(e) On or before January 1 of each year, the Administration and the State Highway Administration jointly shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the effect of the use of the plug–in electric drive vehicle and qualified hybrid vehicle permits issued under this section on the operation of HOV lanes in the State.		
6 7	Chapter 491 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapters 64 and 65 of the Acts of 2013 and Chapter 734 of the Acts of 2016		
8 9 10 11	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of [8] 12 years and, at the end of September 30, [2018] 2022, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall by abrogated and of no further force and effect.		
12 13	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
14 15 16 17	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of [8] 12 years and, at the end of September 30, [2018] 2022, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.		
18	Chapter 734 of the Acts of 2016		
19 20 21 22	SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of [2] 6 years and at the end of September 30, [2018] 2022, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.		
23 24	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.		
	Approved:		
	Governor.		
	President of the Senate.		

Speaker of the House of Delegates.