HOUSE BILL 1627

R5 HB 1738/18 – HRU

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Large Vehicles – Left Lane Prohibition

- FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain large vehicles from using the far left lane on a
 roadway that has three or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction with a
 certain posted maximum speed limit; providing for the application of this Act; and
 generally relating to the operation of large vehicles on roadways.
- 7 BY adding to
- 8 Article Transportation
- 9 Section 21–306
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

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Article – Transportation

15 **21–306.**

16 (A) ON A ROADWAY THAT HAS THREE OR MORE LANES FOR TRAFFIC MOVING 17 IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND A POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MILES PER 18 HOUR OR MORE, A DRIVER MAY NOT USE THE FAR LEFT LANE IF THE VEHICLE THAT 19 THE DRIVER IS OPERATING:

- 20 (1) HAS FOUR OR MORE AXLES; OR
- 21 (2) HAS A GROSS WEIGHT THAT EXCEEDS 10,000 POUNDS.
- 22 (B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DRIVER OF

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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| 1 | A VEHICLE IN THE FAR LEFT LANE IF: | |
| 2 | (1) THE DRIVER IS PREPARING FOR A LEFT TURN OR LEFT EXIT; OR | |
| 3 4 | (2) TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE THE USE OF ALL ROADWAY | Y |
| $5 \\ 6$ | SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020. | :t |