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A BILL ENTITLED

2 Vehicle Laws - Slow Moving Vehicles - Right-Hand Lane

- FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that applies the requirement that slow moving vehicles drive in the right—hand lane or lanes only to certain highways
- 5 in certain geographic areas; and generally relating to slow moving vehicles.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Transportation
- 8 Section 21–301(b)

AN ACT concerning

- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 13 Article Transportation
- 14 21–301.

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- 15 (b) (1) On every roadway, except while overtaking and passing another vehicle 16 going in the same direction or when preparing for a lawful left turn, any vehicle going 10 miles per hour or more below the applicable maximum speed limit or, if any existing 17 conditions reasonably require a speed below that of the applicable maximum, at less than 18 19 the normal speed of traffic under these conditions, shall be driven in the right-hand lane 20 then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the 21roadway.
- 22 (2) (i) 1. [In this paragraph the following words have the meanings 23 indicated.



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1 2. "Interstate highway" has the meaning stated in § 8–101(j) 2 of this article. 3 3. "Rural area" means an area outside the fixed boundaries of an urban area as defined under § 8–507 of this article. 4 5 On an interstate highway located in a rural area, a A (ii) driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic, if practicable as 6 7 determined by the driver, shall drive in the right-hand lane or lanes. 8 2. This paragraph establishes the policy of the State A. 9 and guidance with respect to the rules of the road. 10 В. A person may not be issued a citation for a violation of this paragraph. 11 12 [(iii)] (II) The Administration shall include the requirement under subparagraph [(ii)] (I) of this paragraph in the State's driver education curriculum. 13 14 [(iv)] (III) The State Highway Administration shall inform drivers of 15 the requirement under subparagraph [(ii)] (I) of this paragraph: 1. 16 By placing and maintaining signs at regular intervals on appropriate highways; and 17 18 2.Through the dynamic message sign system located 19 throughout the State. 20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect