
By: Senator Dorman

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highways - HOV Lanes - Clean Fuel Motor Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to authorize the driver
4 of a certain clean fuel motor vehicle to drive in a certain high occupancy vehicle
5 lane under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to adopt certain
6 regulations and to prohibit drivers of trucks and certain classes of clean fuel motor
7 vehicles from driving in a high occupancy vehicle lane; defining a certain term; and
8 generally relating to driving a certain clean fuel motor vehicle in certain high
9 occupancy vehicle lanes.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 8-208
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 8-208.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CLEAN FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR
20 VEHICLE THAT IS PROPELLED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLEAN BURNING FUELS:

21 (1) NATURAL GAS;

22 (2) LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS;

23 (3) LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS;

24 (4) HYDROGEN;

25 (5) ELECTRICITY; OR

26 (6) A FUEL AT LEAST 85% OF WHICH IS ONE OR MORE OF THE
27 FOLLOWING:

28 (I) METHANOL;

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1 (II) ETHANOL; OR

2 (III) ANY OTHER ALCOHOL.

3 (B) IF THE ADMINISTRATION DESIGNATES A LANE ON A HIGHWAY IN THE
4 STATE AS A HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
5 AUTHORIZE A DRIVER OF A CLEAN FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE TO DRIVE IN THE HIGH
6 OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE EVEN IF THE NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS OF THE CLEAN
7 FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE IS LESS THAN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS
8 REQUIRED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE CONSIDERED A HIGH OCCUPANCY
9 VEHICLE.

10 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

11 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, PROHIBIT
12 DRIVERS FROM DRIVING TRUCKS AND OTHER CLASSES OF CLEAN FUEL MOTOR
13 VEHICLES IN A HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE; AND

14 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1997.