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By: **Senator Boozer**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Changing Lanes - Lane Must Be Clear**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision in order to prohibit the driver of a
4 vehicle from changing lanes or moving from a shoulder or bikeway into a lane
5 until the lane is clear so that the vehicle may enter and occupy the lane without
6 danger to any other vehicle.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-309(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 21-309.

16 (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single
17 lane and may not be moved from that lane or moved from a shoulder or bikeway into
18 a lane until the [driver has determined that it is safe to do so] LANE IS CLEAR SO
19 THAT THE VEHICLE CHANGING LANES MAY ENTER AND OCCUPY THE LANE WITHOUT
20 DANGER TO ANY OTHER VEHICLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 1998.