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By: **Delegate Brown**  
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Safe Lane Changes**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting drivers from moving a vehicle from a lane, shoulder,  
4 or bikeway until it is safe to do so; and generally relating to motor vehicle laws  
5 and lane changes.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 21-309(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 21-309(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 21-309.

20 (a) On any roadway that is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for  
21 vehicular traffic, the following rules, in addition to any others consistent with them,  
22 apply.

23 (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single  
24 lane and may not be moved from that lane or moved from a shoulder or bikeway into  
25 a lane until [the driver has determined that] it is safe to do so.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 1999.

