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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Changing and Entering Lanes of Divided Roadways**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to establish that an objective standard  
4 applies to a driver's determination of when it is safe for a vehicle to change lanes  
5 or enter a lane of a certain divided roadway; and generally relating to  
6 requirements governing driving on certain divided roadways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 21-309(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 21-309(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 21-309.

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2000.