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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Qualified Hybrid Vehicles - Exemption from Motor Vehicle Emissions Test**  
3 **and Inspection Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain qualified hybrid vehicles from certain motor  
5 vehicle emissions test and inspection requirements under a certain  
6 circumstance; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain  
7 regulations; and generally relating to a certain exemption from certain motor  
8 vehicle emissions test and inspection requirements for certain qualified hybrid  
9 vehicles under a certain circumstance.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article - Transportation  
12 Section 13-815(a)(1) and (6)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2002 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Transportation  
17 Section 23-206.3  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 13-815.

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (6) "Qualified hybrid vehicle" means an automobile that:

26 (i) Meets all applicable regulatory requirements;

1 (ii) Meets the current vehicle exhaust standard set under the  
2 National Low-Emission Vehicle Program for gasoline-powered passenger cars; and

3 (iii) Can draw propulsion energy from both of the following  
4 on-board sources of stored energy:

- 5 1. Gasoline or diesel fuel; and
- 6 2. A rechargeable energy storage system.

7 23-206.3.

8 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED HYBRID VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING  
9 STATED IN § 13-815(A)(6) OF THIS ARTICLE.

10 (B) A QUALIFIED HYBRID VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY TESTS  
11 AND INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IF THE VEHICLE OBTAINS A RATING  
12 FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF AT LEAST 50 MILES PER  
13 GALLON DURING CITY FUEL ECONOMY TESTS.

14 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
15 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2003.