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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering a termination provision relating to exempting  
5 certain qualified hybrid vehicles from certain motor vehicle emissions test and  
6 inspection requirements under certain circumstances and a requirement for the  
7 Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations; making a technical  
8 correction to a certain defined term; and generally relating to qualified hybrid  
9 vehicles and motor vehicle emissions test and inspection requirements.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Transportation

12 Section 13-815(a)(6)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article - Transportation

17 Section 23-206.3

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Chapter 273 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

22 Section 2

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 13-815.

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

6 (i) Meets all applicable regulatory requirements;

7 (ii) Meets the current vehicle exhaust standard set under the  
8 [National Low-Emission Vehicle] FEDERAL TIER 2 Program for gasoline-powered  
9 passenger cars UNDER 40 C.F.R. PART 80 ET SEQ.; and

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

12 1. Gasoline or diesel fuel; and

13 2. A rechargeable energy storage system.

14 23-206.3.

15 (a) In this section, "qualified hybrid vehicle" has the meaning stated in §  
16 13-815(a)(6) of this article.

17 (b) A qualified hybrid vehicle is exempt from the mandatory tests and  
18 inspections required by this subtitle if the vehicle obtains a rating from the U.S.  
19 Environmental Protection Agency of at least 50 miles per gallon during city fuel  
20 economy tests.

21 (c) The Administration shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the  
22 provisions of this section.

23 **Chapter 273 of the Acts of 2003**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2003. {It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3~~ 6 years and, at the end of  
26 September 30, ~~2006~~ 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
27 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.}

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2005.

