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A BILL ENTITLED

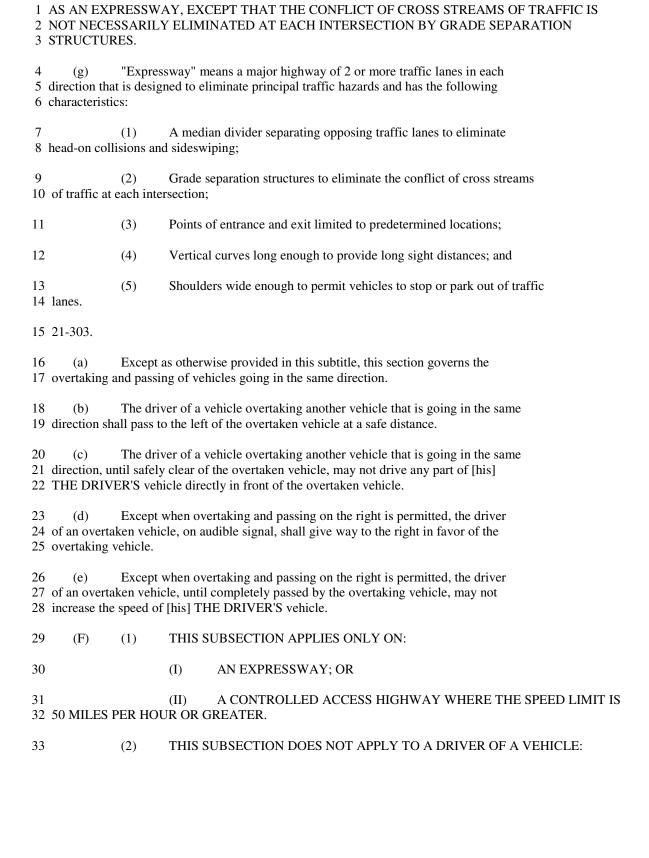
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I	AN	ACT	concerning

2 Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances and on certain highways
- 4 that have two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, a vehicle in
- 5 the far left lane that is being overtaken by another vehicle shall give way to the
- 6 right in favor of the overtaking vehicle; providing for certain exceptions; altering
- 7 a certain definition; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
- 8 the overtaking and passing of vehicles.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Transportation
- 11 Section 21-101(a) and (g)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Transportation
- 16 Section 21-101(d) and 21-303
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 Article - Transportation

- 22 21-101.
- 23 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the 24 meanings indicated.
- 25 (d) "Controlled access highway" means a highway [or roadway to or from
- 26 which persons, including the owners or occupants of abutting lands, have no right of
- 27 access except at the points and in the manner determined by the public authority
- 28 with jurisdiction over the highway or roadway] WITH THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS



3 **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF SENATE BILL 701**

1 (I) IN THE FAR LEFT LANE PREPARING FOR A LEFT TURN OR LEFT 2 EXIT; 3 (II)IN A HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE IF: THE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE IS THE ONLY HIGH 1. 5 OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE ON THE ROADWAY; AND THE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN 2. 7 EFFECT: THAT IS REQUIRED BY ANY OTHER LAW OR IS DIRECTED BY A (III)9 POLICE OFFICER OR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE TO BE DRIVEN IN THE FAR LEFT 10 LANE; OR 11 (IV) WHEN TRAFFIC IS CONGESTED AND GENERALLY OCCUPYING 12 ALL THROUGH LANES EQUALLY. 13

NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN SAFE

16 OVERTAKING VEHICLE.

14 AND PRACTICABLE, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE IN THE FAR LEFT LANE BEING 15 OVERTAKEN BY A VEHICLE SHALL GIVE WAY TO THE RIGHT IN FAVOR OF AN

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 17 18 effect October 1, 2006.

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