

# SENATE BILL 682

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By: **Senators Feldman and Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Vehicles – Use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – Reciprocity**  
3 **With Virginia**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, that electric vehicles registered  
5 in the Commonwealth of Virginia that qualify for the use of high occupancy vehicle  
6 (HOV) lanes in Virginia be allowed to use HOV lanes in Maryland; authorizing the  
7 State Highway Administration to limit the number of electric vehicles allowed to use  
8 HOV lanes under this Act under certain circumstances; requiring the State Highway  
9 Administration to adopt certain regulations; making this Act subject to a certain  
10 contingency; and generally relating to electric vehicles and HOV lanes.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) Electric vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia that qualify for  
14 the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Virginia shall be allowed to use HOV  
15 lanes in Maryland.

16 (b) The State Highway Administration may limit the number of electric vehicles  
17 allowed to use HOV lanes under this Act if the Administration determines that a limitation  
18 is necessary to prevent the HOV lanes from being degraded to an unacceptable level.

19 (c) The State Highway Administration shall adopt regulations to carry out this  
20 Act.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act may not  
22 take effect until a similar Act is passed in the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow electric  
23 vehicles registered in Maryland that qualify for the use of HOV lanes in Maryland to use  
24 HOV lanes in Virginia; and upon passage of the similar Act by the Commonwealth of  
25 Virginia, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Executive  
2 Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this  
4 Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.