Chapter 418

(House Bill 157)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Plug–In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that
is not a plug–in electric drive vehicle plugged into charging equipment in a parking
space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug–in electric drive
drives; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug–in electric drive
cars be counted in a certain way for complying with certain laws intended to meet
requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act; and generally
relating to reserved parking spaces for plug–in electric drive vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 21–1003.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–1003.2.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
INDICATED.

(2) “PLUG–IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE” MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE:

(I) THAT IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;

(II) THAT IS PROPELLED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT BY AN
ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT DRAWs ELECTRICITY FROM A BATTERY THAT CAN BE
RECHARGED FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY;

(III) FOR WHICH THE EXTERNAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY IS
UNABLE TO BE CONNECTED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS
IN MOTION; AND

(IV) THAT IS PROPERLY REGISTERED.
(3) “Plug–in Electric Drive Vehicle Charging Space” means a parking space that provides access to charging equipment that transfers electrical energy to a plug–in electric drive vehicle.

(B) Unless the vehicle is a plug–in electric drive vehicle that is plugged into charging equipment, a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a designated plug–in electric drive vehicle charging space.

(C) (1) A publicly accessible plug–in electric drive vehicle charging space shall be designated by a sign that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection if the charging space was funded, in whole or in part, by:

   (i) Any State funds, including the Strategic Energy Investment Fund; or

   (ii) Money collected from electric utility ratepayers.

(2) A sign designating a plug–in electric drive vehicle charging space shall:

   (i) Indicate indicates that the charging space is only for electric vehicle charging;

   (ii) Include includes any day or time restrictions;

   (iii) State states the maximum fine that may be incurred for a violation; and

   (iv) Is consistent with the design and placement specifications established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways adopted by the State Highway Administration under § 25–104 of this article.

(D) (1) A privately owned parking facility may have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this section towed or removed in accordance with Subtitle 10A of this title.

   (2) (i) A parking facility owned by a local jurisdiction may have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this section ticketed, towed, or removed if authorized by local law.
(II) A local law authorizing the towing or removal of a vehicle as described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be equivalent to or exceed the standards and requirements established under Subtitle 10A of this title.

(D) A plug–in electric drive vehicle charging space shall be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces in a parking lot for the purpose of complying with any zoning or parking laws intended to meet requirements for commercial and industrial uses under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(E) A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of $100.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.