

HOUSE BILL 157

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HB 480/21 – ENT

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By: **Delegate Barve**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces**

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

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21-1003.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

18 **21-1003.2.**

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

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

22 (I) THAT IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

7 **(IV) THAT IS PROPERLY REGISTERED.**

8 **(3) “PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE CHARGING SPACE” MEANS A**
9 **PARKING SPACE THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO CHARGING EQUIPMENT THAT**
10 **TRANSFERS ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE.**

11 **(B) UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE THAT IS**
12 **PLUGGED INTO CHARGING EQUIPMENT, A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK**
13 **A VEHICLE IN A DESIGNATED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE CHARGING SPACE.**

14 **(C) (1) A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE**
15 **CHARGING SPACE SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY A SIGN THAT MEETS THE**
16 **REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE CHARGING SPACE**
17 **WAS FUNDED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY:**

18 **(I) ANY STATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC ENERGY**
19 **INVESTMENT FUND; OR**

20 **(II) MONEY COLLECTED FROM ELECTRIC UTILITY**
21 **RATEPAYERS.**

22 **(2) A SIGN DESIGNATING A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE**
23 **CHARGING SPACE SHALL:**

24 **(I) INDICATE THAT THE CHARGING SPACE IS ONLY FOR**
25 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING;**

26 **(II) INCLUDE ANY DAY OR TIME RESTRICTIONS;**

27 **(III) STATE THE MAXIMUM FINE THAT MAY BE INCURRED FOR A**
28 **VIOLATION; AND**

29 **(IV) BE CONSISTENT WITH THE DESIGN AND PLACEMENT**
30 **SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL**
31 **DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY**

1 ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25–104 OF THIS ARTICLE.

2 (D) (1) A PRIVATELY OWNED PARKING FACILITY MAY HAVE A VEHICLE
3 THAT IS STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TOWED
4 OR REMOVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 10A OF THIS TITLE.

5 (2) (I) A PARKING FACILITY OWNED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION
6 MAY HAVE A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN VIOLATION OF
7 THIS SECTION TICKETED, TOWED, OR REMOVED IF AUTHORIZED BY LOCAL LAW.

8 (II) A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OR REMOVAL OF
9 A VEHICLE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE
10 EQUIVALENT TO OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED
11 UNDER SUBTITLE 10A OF THIS TITLE.

12 (E) A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE CHARGING SPACE SHALL BE
13 COUNTED AS PART OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IN A PARKING
14 LOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH ANY ZONING OR PARKING LAWS
15 INTENDED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES
16 UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

17 (F) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL
18 PENALTY OF \$100.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2022.