

HOUSE BILL 157

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CHAPTER _____

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:

17 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **21-1003.2.**

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

4 (2) "PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE:

5 (I) THAT IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;

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

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

12 (IV) THAT IS PROPERLY REGISTERED.

13 (3) "PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE CHARGING SPACE" MEANS A
14 PARKING SPACE THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO CHARGING EQUIPMENT THAT
15 TRANSFERS ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE.

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

19 (C) ~~(1) A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE~~
20 ~~CHARGING SPACE SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY A SIGN THAT MEETS THE~~
21 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE CHARGING SPACE~~
22 ~~WAS FUNDED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY:~~

23 ~~(I) ANY STATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC ENERGY~~
24 ~~INVESTMENT FUND; OR~~

25 ~~(II) MONEY COLLECTED FROM ELECTRIC UTILITY~~
26 ~~RATEPAYERS.~~

27 ~~(2) A SIGN DESIGNATING A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE~~
28 ~~CHARGING SPACE SHALL:~~

29 ~~(1) INDICATE~~ INDICATES THAT THE CHARGING SPACE IS
30 ONLY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING;

1 ~~(H)~~ (2) ~~INCLUDE~~ INCLUDES ANY DAY OR TIME
2 RESTRICTIONS;

3 ~~(H)~~ (3) ~~STATE~~ STATES THE MAXIMUM FINE THAT MAY BE
4 INCURRED FOR A VIOLATION; AND

5 ~~(IV)~~ (4) ~~BE~~ IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DESIGN AND
6 PLACEMENT SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC
7 CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ADOPTED BY THE STATE
8 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25-104 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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

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

19 ~~(E)~~ (D) A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE CHARGING SPACE SHALL BE
20 COUNTED AS PART OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IN A PARKING
21 LOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH ANY ZONING OR PARKING LAWS
22 INTENDED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES
23 UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

24 ~~(F)~~ (E) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL
25 PENALTY OF \$100.

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