SENATE BILL 687

By: Senators Young, Lam, and Washington
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Zero–Emission Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles – Regulations
(Zero–Emission Truck Act of 2022)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before a certain date establishing requirements for the sale of new zero–emission medium and heavy duty vehicles in the State; and generally relating to the sale of zero–emission vehicles in the State.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 2–1103.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 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 – Environment

2–1103.1.

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

(2) “HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE” MEANS A VEHICLE WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 26,001 POUNDS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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(3) “MEDIUM DUTY VEHICLE” means a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 10,000 pounds and not more than 26,000 pounds.

(b) (1) On or before December 1, 2022, the Department shall adopt regulations establishing requirements for the sale of new zero–emission medium and heavy duty vehicles in the State.

(2) The regulations adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection may:

(1) Update existing regulations; and

(II) Incorporate by reference the California Air Resources Board’s vehicle standards, as revised and updated.

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