

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 vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted in a certain way for complying with certain laws intended to meet certain 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) (1) INDICATE INDICATES THAT THE CHARGING SPACE IS ONLY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING;~~

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

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

~~(IV) (4) BE 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.~~

~~(H) 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.~~

~~(E)~~ (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.

~~(F)~~ (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.