

HOUSE BILL 1627

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HB 1738/18 – HRU

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By: **Delegate Jalisi**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2020

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Large Vehicles – Left Lane Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain large vehicles from using the far left lane on a
4 roadway that has three or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction with a
5 certain posted maximum speed limit; providing for the application of this Act; and
6 generally relating to the operation of large vehicles on roadways.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–306

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 **21–306.**

16 (A) ON A ROADWAY THAT HAS THREE OR MORE LANES FOR TRAFFIC MOVING
17 IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND A POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MILES PER
18 HOUR OR MORE, A DRIVER MAY NOT USE THE FAR LEFT LANE IF THE VEHICLE THAT
19 THE DRIVER IS OPERATING:

20 (1) HAS FOUR OR MORE AXLES; OR

21 (2) HAS A GROSS WEIGHT THAT EXCEEDS 10,000 POUNDS.

22 (B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DRIVER OF

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 A VEHICLE IN THE FAR LEFT LANE IF:

2 (1) THE DRIVER IS PREPARING FOR A LEFT TURN OR LEFT EXIT; OR

3 (2) TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE THE USE OF ALL ROADWAY
4 LANES.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2020.