

HOUSE BILL 737

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By: **Delegates J. Long, Crosby, Patterson, and Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Slow Moving Vehicles – Right-Hand Lane**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that applies the requirement that
4 slow moving vehicles drive in the right-hand lane or lanes only to certain highways
5 in certain geographic areas; and generally relating to slow moving vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 21–301(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 21–301.

15 (b) (1) On every roadway, except while overtaking and passing another vehicle
16 going in the same direction or when preparing for a lawful left turn, any vehicle going 10
17 miles per hour or more below the applicable maximum speed limit or, if any existing
18 conditions reasonably require a speed below that of the applicable maximum, at less than
19 the normal speed of traffic under these conditions, shall be driven in the right-hand lane
20 then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the
21 roadway.

22 (2) (i) 1. [In this paragraph the following words have the meanings
23 indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



