

HOUSE BILL 683

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By: **Delegate Simmons**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Vehicles – Use of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes – Reciprocity with**
3 **Virginia**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that electric vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of
5 Virginia that qualify for the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in
6 Virginia be allowed to use HOV lanes in Maryland; making this Act subject to a
7 certain contingency; and generally relating to electric vehicles and HOV lanes.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) Electric vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia that qualify
11 for the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Virginia shall be allowed to use
12 HOV lanes in Maryland.

13 (b) The State Highway Administration shall adopt regulations to carry out
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act may
16 not take effect until a similar Act is passed in the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow
17 electric vehicles registered in Maryland that qualify for the use of HOV lanes in
18 Maryland to use HOV lanes in Virginia; and upon passage of the similar Act by the
19 Commonwealth of Virginia, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a
20 proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the
21 proclamation to the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of
23 this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

