HOUSE BILL 64

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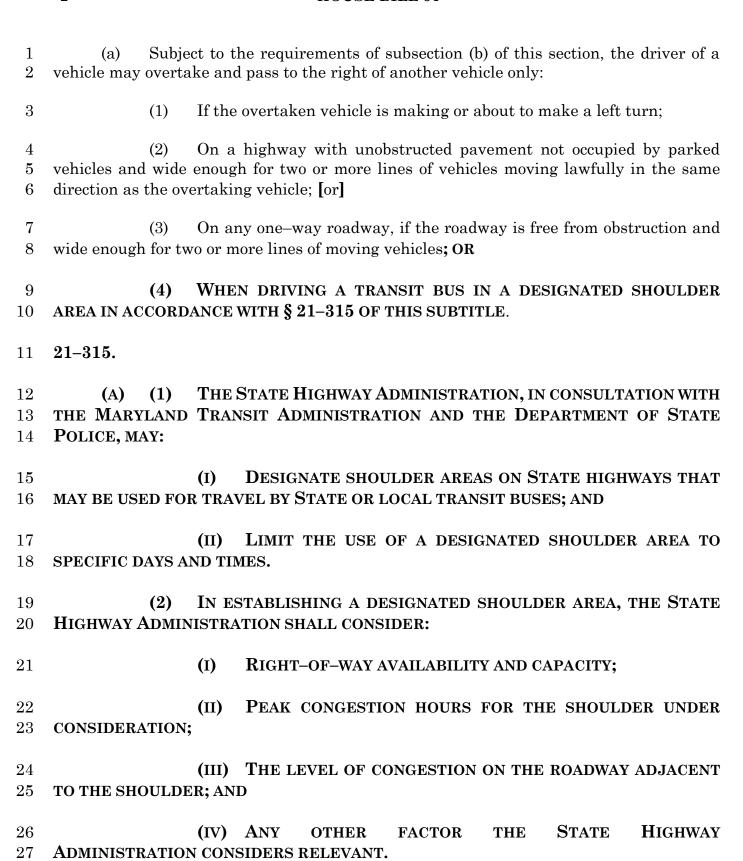
A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	State Highways – Designated Shoulder Areas – Establishment and Use by Transit Buses
4	FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration, in consultation with
5	the Maryland Transit Administration and the Department of State Police, to
6	designate shoulder areas on State highways that may be used for travel, subject to
7	certain restrictions, by State and local transit buses; requiring the State Highway
8	Administration to post certain signage to indicate the beginning and the end of a
9	designated shoulder area; and generally relating to the establishment and use of
10	designated shoulder areas.
11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12	Article – Transportation
13	Section 21–304(a)
14	Annotated Code of Maryland
15	(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
16	BY adding to
17	Article – Transportation
18	Section 21–315
19	Annotated Code of Maryland
20	(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
21	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
$\overline{22}$	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
23	Article – Transportation

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- 1 (3) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST SIGNAGE
- 2 PROXIMATE TO A DESIGNATED SHOULDER AREA TO INDICATE THE BEGINNING AND
- 3 THE END OF THE DESIGNATED SHOULDER AREA.
- 4 (B) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
- 5 PARAGRAPH, THE DRIVER OF A TRANSIT BUS MAY DRIVE IN A DESIGNATED
- 6 SHOULDER AREA.
- 7 (II) THE DRIVER OF A TRANSIT BUS MAY NOT DRIVE IN A
- 8 DESIGNATED SHOULDER AREA IF THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON THE ADJACENT
- 9 ROADWAY IS 35 MILES PER HOUR OR GREATER.
- 10 (2) THE DRIVER OF A TRANSIT BUS BEING DRIVEN IN A DESIGNATED
- 11 SHOULDER AREA:
- 12 (I) MAY NOT EXCEED THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON THE
- 13 ADJACENT ROADWAY BY MORE THAN 10 MILES PER HOUR; AND
- 14 (II) SHALL YIELD TO MERGING, ENTERING, AND EXITING
- 15 TRAFFIC AND OTHER VEHICLES ON THE SHOULDER.
- 16 (C) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS
- 17 GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE BY TRANSIT BUSES OF DESIGNATED
- 18 SHOULDER AREAS.
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 20 October 1, 2022.