BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 273 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

Section 2

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

Article - Transportation

13-815.

- (a) (6) "Qualified hybrid vehicle" means an automobile that:
 - (i) Meets all applicable regulatory requirements;
- (ii) Meets the current vehicle exhaust standard set under the [National Low-Emission Vehicle] FEDERAL TIER 2 Program for gasoline-powered passenger cars UNDER 40 C.F.R. PART 80 ET SEQ.; and
- (iii) Can draw propulsion energy from both of the following on-board sources of stored energy:
 - 1. Gasoline or diesel fuel; and
 - 2. A rechargeable energy storage system.

23-206.3.

- (a) In this section, "qualified hybrid vehicle" has the meaning stated in § 13-815(a)(6) of this article.
- (b) A qualified hybrid vehicle is exempt from the mandatory tests and inspections required by this subtitle if the vehicle obtains a rating from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of at least 50 miles per gallon during city fuel economy tests.
- (c) The Administration shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of $\frac{6}{9}$ years and, at the end of September 30, $\frac{2006}{9}$ with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.