

(ii) Meets the current vehicle exhaust standard set under the National Low-Emission Vehicle Program for gasoline-powered passenger cars; 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 274

(House Bill 67)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Firefighters and Other Emergency Services Personnel - Exemption from Driver ~~License~~ Licensing Requirements

FOR the purpose of exempting a member or employee of a fire department, rescue squad, emergency medical services unit, or volunteer fire company from certain driver licensing requirements if the member or employee is driving an emergency vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with certain persons, to adopt regulations that establish certain training and testing requirements; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to an exemption for certain members or employees of fire departments, rescue squads, emergency medical services units, or volunteer fire companies from certain driver licensing requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Transportation