

Article – Transportation
 Section 23–206.3
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

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13–815.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(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 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 ~~four~~ 3 years and, at the end of September 30, ~~2007~~ 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 22, 2003

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