

(II) "HOV LANE" MEANS A HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE, THE USE OF WHICH IS RESTRICTED BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE DURING SPECIFIED TIMES TO VEHICLES CARRYING A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS.

(III) "ILEV VEHICLE" MEANS AN INHERENTLY LOW EMISSION VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN, AND CONFORMING TO THE CERTIFICATION AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS OF, FEDERAL REGULATIONS UNDER 40 C.F.R. PART 88.

(2) WHENEVER THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PLACES A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE ON A HIGHWAY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY AS AN HOV LANE, THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE SHALL ALSO INDICATE THAT THE HOV LANE MAY BE USED AT ALL TIMES BY ILEV VEHICLES THAT HAVE OBTAINED A PERMIT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL CONSULT TO DESIGN A PERMIT TO DESIGNATE A VEHICLE AS AN ILEV VEHICLE AUTHORIZED TO USE AN HOV LANE.

(II) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CHARGE A FEE, NOT TO EXCEED ITS COSTS \$16, FOR ISSUING A PERMIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

~~(III) PERMITS OBTAINED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.~~

(4) BEGINNING IN 2003, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECT OF THE USE OF THE ILEV VEHICLE PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THE OPERATION OF HOV LANES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 550

(House Bill 887)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation - Partly Dependent Individuals - Death Benefit

FOR the purpose of modifying the calculation of the weekly death benefits payable to a partly dependent individual; ~~modifying the calculation of the weekly death benefits payable to a partly dependent individual~~; ~~modifying the time period for payment of death benefits to a partly dependent individual~~; ~~removing increasing~~