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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to high-occupancy vehicle
lanes; amending s. 316.0741, F.S.; allowing
certain energy-saving vehicles to travel in
such lanes, regardless of occupancy; providing
an effective date,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section
316.0741, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.0741 High occupancy vehicle lanes.--

(4) Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the
contrary, a vehicle powered by natural gas, electricity, a
gas-electric hybrid power system, or any other vehicle
classified as energy-conserving by the Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles may be driven in an HOV lane at any
time, regardless of its occupancy. The department shall issue
a decal to be placed on such vehicles authorizing such use.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

SENATE SUMMARY

Allows certain energy-conserving vehicles to travel in
high-occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of occupancy.