

By the Committee on Transportation and Senator Geller

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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, an inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) that is
certified and labeled in accordance with federal regulations
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.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 146

The CS authorizes the use of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes,
regardless of vehicle occupancy, by Inherently Low-Emission
Vehicle (ILEV) which are certified and labeled in accordance
with federal regulations. The CS requires the Department of
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a decal to be
placed on authorized ILEVs.