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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 the other provisions of this section, 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, 2002.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes the use of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, regardless of vehicle occupancy, by Inherently Low-Emission Vehicles (ILEV) that are certified and labeled in accordance with federal regulations. Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a decal to be placed on such vehicles.