

By the Committee on Transportation and Representative
Meadows

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high occupancy vehicle
3 lanes; amending s. 316.0741, F.S.; allowing
4 certain energy-saving vehicles to travel in
5 such lanes, regardless of occupancy; providing
6 for a decal and registration certificate;
7 providing for a fee; providing rulemaking
8 authority; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to
13 section 316.0741, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 316.0741 High occupancy vehicle lanes.--

15 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
16 section, an inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) that is
17 certified and labeled in accordance with federal regulations
18 may be driven in an HOV lane at any time, regardless of its
19 occupancy. The department shall issue a decal and registration
20 certificate, to be renewed annually, reflecting the HOV lane
21 designation on inherently low-emission vehicles authorizing
22 such use. The department may charge a fee for the decals, at a
23 price not to exceed the costs of designing, producing, and
24 distributing each decal, or \$5, whichever is less. The
25 proceeds from sale of the decals shall be deposited in the
26 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

27 (5) The department has specific authority to
28 promulgate rules addressing the design, production, and
29 distribution of the decals described in subsection (4); the
30 enforcement of ILEV use of HOV lanes; and the purchase and
31 renewal of such decals.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.
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