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The Committee on Transportation recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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 for a decal and registration certificate; providing for a fee; defining the term "hybrid vehicle"; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) are added to section 316.0741, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.0741 High occupancy vehicles lanes.--

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 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. In addition, upon the state's receipt of written notice from the



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29 proper federal regulatory agency authorizing such use, a vehicle
30 defined as a hybrid vehicle under this section may be driven in
31 an HOV lane at any time, regardless of its occupancy. The
32 department shall issue a decal and registration certificate, to
33 be renewed annually, reflecting the HOV lane designation on such
34 vehicles authorizing such use. The department may charge a fee
35 for a decal, not to exceed the costs of designing, producing,
36 and distributing each decal, or \$5, whichever is less. The
37 proceeds from sale of the decals shall be deposited in the
38 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

39 (5) As used in this section, the term "hybrid vehicle"
40 means a motor vehicle:

41 (a) That draws propulsion energy from onboard sources of
42 stored energy which are both:

43 1. An internal combustion or heat engine using combustible
44 fuel, and

45 2. A rechargeable energy storage system; and

46 (b) That, in the case of a passenger automobile or light
47 truck:

48 1. Has received a certificate of conformity under the
49 Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.; and

50 2. Meets or exceeds the equivalent qualifying California
51 standards for a low-emission vehicle.

52 (6) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer
53 this section.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.