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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
for a decal and registration certificate;
providing for a fee; providing rulemaking
authority; providing an effective date.

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

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

316.0741 High occupancy vehicle lanes.--

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision 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 and registration
certificate, to be renewed annually, reflecting the HOV lane
designation on inherently low-emission vehicles authorizing
such use. The department may charge a fee for the decals, at a
price not to exceed the costs of designing, producing, and
distributing each decal, or \$5, whichever is less. The
proceeds from sale of the decals shall be deposited in the
Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

(5) The department may adopt rules necessary to
administer this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for certain low-emission vehicles to travel in high occupancy vehicle lanes, regardless of occupancy. Provides for fees, decals, and registration certificates and for the adoption of rules.