

HOUSE No. 928

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey relative to the operation of hybrid vehicles on certain highways of the Commonwealth. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF HYBRID VEHICLES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any General Law to the contrary, the operator of
2 any motor vehicle utilizing hybrid technology may operate such a
3 vehicle in any lane previously designated for High-Occupancy Vehi-
4 cles, regardless of the number of passengers accompanying the oper-
5 ator.

6 For purposes of this act, the following words shall have the
7 following meanings:—

8 “hybrid technology”, referring to a combination of an internal
9 combustion engine utilizing gasoline/diesel or an alternative fuel
10 mixture with battery derived electric power and a mechanism for
11 storing energy expended in braking or battery electricity technology;

12 “battery electricity technology”, referring to the utilization of bat-
13 tery electricity as a main power source.