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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -  
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CHAPTER 284

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Transfer of Registration - Temporary Registration Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time period during which registration plates  
4 transferred to a vehicle may be used under a temporary registration permit  
5 issued by a licensed motor vehicle dealer; and generally relating to temporary  
6 registration permits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 13-503  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 13-503.

16 (a) If the transferee of a vehicle is a licensed dealer who holds the vehicle for  
17 sale, the transferee need not obtain a new registration of the vehicle if he:

- 18 (1) Lawfully drives it under a dealer's registration plate; or
- 19 (2) Does not drive the vehicle or permit it to be driven on the highways.

1 (b) If a licensed dealer transfers a vehicle to a person who possesses current  
2 registration plates issued to another registered vehicle, and if these registration  
3 plates are transferable, the dealer shall issue to the transferee a permit that  
4 authorizes the transferee to use these current registration plates on the transferred  
5 vehicle for a period of not more than [45] 60 days from the date of the transfer.

6 (c) The dealer may not issue more than one of the permits described under  
7 subsection (b) of this section for any vehicle.

8 (d) The permit described under subsection (b) of this section shall be issued by  
9 the dealer on the form and in the manner that the Administration requires.

10 (e) The permit described under subsection (b) of this section shall be signed by  
11 the dealer and carried and displayed the same as registration cards are required to be  
12 carried and displayed under Subtitle 4 of this title.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2003.