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By: **Delegate Taylor**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Honoring Maryland African**  
3                                   **American History and Culture**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make  
5 available a specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland African  
6 American History and Culture; prescribing who may apply for and the classes of  
7 vehicles eligible for the registration plate; providing the manner in which fees  
8 will be established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration  
9 plate; requiring the Administration to consult with the Board of Directors of the  
10 Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture  
11 on certain matters, including a schedule for the transfer of certain revenues  
12 derived under this Act to the Museum; providing a certain fee exemption  
13 applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to adopt certain  
14 regulations; and generally relating to the issuance of a special registration plate  
15 honoring Maryland African American History and Culture and benefitting the  
16 Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

17 BY adding to  
18 Article - Transportation  
19 Section 13-619.3  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article - Transportation  
24 Section 13-903(d)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Transportation**

2 13-619.3.

3 (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGINALD F.  
4 LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE, THE  
5 ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING  
6 VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING MARYLAND  
7 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

8 (B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A  
9 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR  
10 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE  
11 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE  
12 ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF  
13 THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

14 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

15 (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;

16 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED  
17 CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;

18 (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

19 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

20 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE  
21 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION  
22 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

23 (I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A FEE SET  
24 BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS  
25 SECTION; AND

26 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE AND EACH  
27 TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, A FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION  
28 TO BENEFIT THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN  
29 HISTORY AND CULTURE.

30 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT  
31 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §  
32 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

33 (3) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE  
34 CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR  
35 DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2 OF THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
3 AND CULTURE ON:

4 (1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
5 SECTION TO HONOR MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE;

6 (2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION  
7 (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF  
8 THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A  
9 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF  
10 MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE; AND

11 (3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER  
12 TO THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
13 AND CULTURE REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE MUSEUM.

14 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE  
15 ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 13-903.

17 (d) A disabled veteran whose vehicle is eligible for exemption under subsection  
18 (a)(8) of this section may, if eligible, receive the special registration number and  
19 special registration plates provided under § 13-616, § 13-617, § 13-618, § 13-619, §  
20 13-619.1, [or] § 13-619.2, OR § 13-619.3 of this title without payment of the  
21 registration fees specified in this subtitle.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2005.