

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Weir**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals**
3 **with Disabilities**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that for the renewal of a motor vehicle registration a
5 certain annual registration fee for the motor vehicle shall be reduced by a
6 certain percentage for disabled individuals and individuals over a certain age if
7 all owners of the vehicle meet certain requirements and the vehicle is driven less
8 than a certain number of miles annually; requiring individuals to certify certain
9 information to qualify for a fee reduction under this Act; requiring a certain
10 certification to be made on a form provided by the Motor Vehicle Administration;
11 providing that a certain fee reduction does not apply to the first issuance of a
12 registration to the owner of a motor vehicle after title or interest transfers to
13 that owner; and generally relating to vehicle registration fees.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-910
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 13-910.

23 (A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE FIRST
24 ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION TO THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER THE
25 TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE TRANSFERS TO THAT OWNER.

26 (B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR
27 THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH SPECIAL
28 REGISTRATION PLATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED UNDER § 13-616 OF THIS TITLE, THE

1 ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE REDUCED BY
2 50% IF:

3 (I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE MEET THE
4 DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-616(A)(1) OF THIS TITLE; AND

5 (II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR LESS
6 ANNUALLY.

7 (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEE REDUCTION UNDER THIS
8 SUBSECTION, ALL OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL CERTIFY THE
9 FOLLOWING:

10 (I) THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE MEET THE
11 DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-616(A)(1) OF THIS TITLE;

12 (II) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS BEEN ISSUED A SPECIAL
13 DISABLED PERSON'S REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES
14 UNDER § 13-616(A) OF THIS TITLE;

15 (III) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR LESS
16 ANNUALLY; AND

17 (IV) THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S ODOMETER READING AT THE TIME OF
18 THE CERTIFICATION.

19 (3) THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

21 (C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR
22 A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 70 YEARS OF AGE AT
23 THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION, THE ANNUAL
24 REGISTRATION FEE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE
25 REGISTRATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY 50% IF:

26 (I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE ARE AT LEAST 70 YEARS
27 OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION; AND

28 (II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR LESS
29 ANNUALLY.

30 (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEE REDUCTION UNDER THIS
31 SUBSECTION, ALL OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL CERTIFY THE
32 FOLLOWING:

33 (I) THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ARE AT
34 LEAST 70 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION;

35 (II) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR LESS
36 ANNUALLY; AND

1 (III) THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S ODOMETER READING AT THE TIME OF
2 THE CERTIFICATION.

3 (3) THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
6 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
7 any effect on or application to any registration fee paid before the effective date of this
8 Act.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
10 effect October 1, 2005.