

Chapter 312

(Senate Bill 742)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Residential Parking in Baltimore City

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law granting a person who is issued certain special registration plates for individuals with disabilities the authority to park for unlimited periods of time in certain restricted parking zones do not supersede local ordinances in Baltimore City that restrict parking for vehicles that do not display specified residential parking permits; and generally relating to special registration plates for individuals with disabilities and residential parking in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 13–616(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

13–616.

- (f) (1) In this subsection, “special types of vehicles” means:
- (i) Emergency vehicles defined under § 11–118 of this article;
 - (ii) Service vehicles defined under § 22–201 of this article;
 - (iii) Class B (for hire) vehicles;
 - (iv) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicles;
 - (v) Class H (school) vehicles;
 - (vi) Class I (charter bus) vehicles;
 - (vii) Class J (vanpool) vehicles;

- (viii) Class P (passenger bus) vehicles;
- (ix) Class Q (limousine) vehicles; and
- (x) State or local government vehicles.

(2) The person for whom special registration plates are issued under this section or under a similar provision of any other state or country:

(i) 1. Except as provided in items (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, may park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking time permitted; and

2. Is not required to pay any parking meter fees of this State or of any political subdivision of this State where parking meters do not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

(ii) May park in a parking space equipped with a parking meter only for:

1. Except as provided in item (ii)2 of this paragraph, twice the maximum time period permitted on the parking meter but not to exceed a maximum of 4 hours; and

2. If the parking meter permits parking for more than 4 hours, the period permitted on the parking meter; and

(iii) Subject to the posted time restriction specified for this parking zone, may park in a designated zone for the handicapped established at any State-owned airport.

(3) The provisions of this subsection supersede any local ordinance, except that they do not apply:

(i) To zones where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited to all vehicles;

(ii) To zones that are reserved for special types of vehicles; **[or]**

(iii) Where there is a local ordinance that prohibits parking during heavy traffic periods in morning, afternoon, or evening rush hours, or where parking clearly would present a traffic hazard; **OR**

(IV) IN BALTIMORE CITY, WHERE THERE IS A LOCAL ORDINANCE THAT RESTRICTS PARKING FOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT DISPLAY A SPECIFIED RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.