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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plate – United States Armed Forces

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for certain vehicles a special registration plate honoring the armed forces of the United States; authorizing certain persons to apply for the special registration plate; requiring certain owners of vehicles assigned a special registration plate under this Act to pay certain fees; requiring that certain fees be used only for certain purposes; requiring a registration plate issued under this Act to contain a certain graphic design and certain words; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a special registration plate honoring the armed forces of the United States.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 13–619.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–619.4.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

- (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**
- (2) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;**
- (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;**
- (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR**
- (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

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

(I) A ONE-TIME FEE WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF AT LEAST \$20 TO BENEFIT THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.

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

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

(D) A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A GRAPHIC DESIGN OF A BALD EAGLE AND THE WORDS "SUPPORT MARYLAND VETERANS".

(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.