

# SENATE BILL 4

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Appalachian Trail**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, to develop and make available for certain vehicles a special registration plate to honor the Appalachian Trail; authorizing certain persons to apply to the Administration for the special registration plate for certain classes of vehicles; requiring the owner of a vehicle issued a special registration plate under this Act to pay certain fees; establishing that certain vehicles are exempt from paying certain fees; prohibiting certain fees from being credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account; requiring the Administration to consult with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy on the design of the special registration plates, the fee to be charged, and a schedule for the transfer of certain revenue collected to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to special registration plates honoring the Appalachian Trail.

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.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.

(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE, OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE 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 B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;
- (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;
- (4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;
- (5) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR
- (6) 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) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE A ONETIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS 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 TO BENEFIT THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY.

(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) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY ON:**

**(1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION TO HONOR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL;**

**(2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY; AND**

**(3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY.**

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

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