

HOUSE BILL 203

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By: **Delegate Beidle**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Title Fees – Rental Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of making permanent a certain fee for a certificate of title for a rental
4 vehicle; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Motor Vehicle
5 Administration, on application by an owner of a rental vehicle titled during a certain
6 period of time, to refund a certain amount of the title fee collected from the owner;
7 stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to rental vehicles
8 and title fees.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–802
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 13–802.

18 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and § 13–805 of this
19 subtitle, the fee for each certificate of title issued under this title is \$100.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1 (b) (1) [For fiscal years 2012 through 2016 only, the] **THE** fee for each
2 certificate of title issued for a rental vehicle is \$50.

3 (2) The fee for each certificate of title issued for a motor scooter or a moped
4 is \$20.

5 (3) On the death of a joint owner of a vehicle, the Administration may not
6 charge a fee for a new certificate of title issued for the vehicle to another joint owner who
7 is the surviving spouse.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall be
9 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any fee
10 paid for the issuance of a certificate of title for a rental vehicle on or after July 1, 2014.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on application by an owner of
12 a rental vehicle that was titled on or after July 1, 2014, but before the effective date of this
13 Act, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall refund any amount collected from the owner
14 in excess of the title fee established under § 13–802(b)(1) of the Transportation Article.

15 SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
16 General Assembly in enacting this Act to:

17 (1) Ratify and continue the extension of the reduction in the fee on the
18 issuance of certificates of title for rental vehicles under § 13–802 of the Transportation
19 Article, as enacted by Ch. 464 of the Acts of 2014, which was not implemented on advice of
20 the Attorney General in the Bill Review Letter for S.B. 172 (Ch. 464, Acts of 2014), dated
21 May 14, 2014; and

22 (2) Require rebates to owners of rental vehicles of overpayments of the fee
23 under § 13–802 of the Transportation Article that were collected on and after July 1, 2014,
24 as a result of the failure to implement the extension of the reduction in the fee as enacted
25 by Ch. 464, Acts of 2014.

26 SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 June 1, 2015.