

SENATE BILL 451

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on application by an owner of a
5 rental vehicle titled during a certain period of time, to refund a certain amount of
6 the title fee collected from the owner; stating the intent of the General Assembly;
7 and generally relating to rental vehicles and title fees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 13–802

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 13–802.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on application by an owner of
5 a rental vehicle that was titled on or after July 1, 2014, but before the effective date of this
6 Act, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall refund any amount collected from the owner
7 in excess of the title fee established under § 13–802(b)(1) of the Transportation Article.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
9 Assembly in enacting this Act to:

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

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

19 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
20 1, 2015.