

# HOUSE BILL 425

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By: **Delegates Morgan, Adams, Fisher, McComas, Rey, Saab, Shoemaker, and West**  
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Plates – Vehicle Manufactured Without Means to**  
3 **Display Front Plate**

4 FOR the purpose of providing, for a vehicle required to display two registration plates, that  
5 the front registration plate may be stored in a certain manner inside the vehicle if  
6 the vehicle was manufactured without a means to secure and display a front plate;  
7 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to vehicle registration plates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 13–411(a) and (i)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 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 13–411.

17 (a) (1) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
18 SUBSECTION, ON a vehicle for which two registration plates are required, one plate shall  
19 be attached on the front and the other on the rear of the vehicle.

20 (2) IF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH TWO REGISTRATION PLATES ARE  
21 REQUIRED WAS MANUFACTURED WITHOUT A MEANS TO SECURE AND DISPLAY A  
22 FRONT REGISTRATION PLATE, THE FRONT PLATE MAY BE STORED INSIDE THE  
23 VEHICLE IN A MANNER THAT MAKES THE PLATE EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR  
24 VERIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (i)    **(1)**   It is the duty of every police officer to report to the Administration all  
2 vehicles operated in violation of this section.

3                   **(2)**   The Administration shall verify whether the owner of a reported vehicle  
4 has complied with this section.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2016.