

# HOUSE BILL 1102

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By: **Delegates Afzali and Carter**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Celebrating Maryland Native**  
3 **Plants and Pollinators**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make  
5 available a specially designed registration plate celebrating Maryland native plants  
6 and pollinators; authorizing certain persons to apply to the Administration for the  
7 special registration plates for certain classes of vehicles; providing for the  
8 establishment, collection, and distribution of certain fees; requiring the  
9 Administration to consult with the University of Maryland Extension Home &  
10 Garden Information Center on certain matters; providing a certain fee exemption  
11 applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to adopt certain  
12 regulations; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the  
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of a special  
14 registration plate honoring Maryland native plants and pollinators and benefitting  
15 the University of Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information Center.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 13–619.4

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 13–903(d)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



## Article – Transportation

## 13-619.4.

(A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION HOME & GARDEN INFORMATION CENTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE CELEBRATING MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATORS.

(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 SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

(II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;

(III) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

(IV) 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 ONE-TIME 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 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION HOME & GARDEN INFORMATION CENTER.

(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.

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

4           **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF**  
5 **MARYLAND EXTENSION HOME & GARDEN INFORMATION CENTER ON:**

6           **(1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER**  
7 **THIS SECTION TO CELEBRATE MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATORS;**

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

12           **(3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL**  
13 **TRANSFER TO THE CENTER REVENUE COLLECTED ON THE CENTER'S BEHALF.**

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

16 13-903.

17           (d) A disabled veteran whose vehicle is eligible for exemption under subsection  
18 (a)(8) of this section may, if eligible, receive the special registration number and special  
19 registration plates provided under § 13-616, § 13-617, § 13-618, § 13-619, § 13-619.1, [or]  
20 § 13-619.2, OR § 13-619.4 of this title without payment of the registration fees specified  
21 in this subtitle.

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
23 Assembly that the Motor Vehicle Administration shall work with the University of  
24 Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information Center on the development of a special  
25 registration plate described under Section 1 of this Act and make the plate available to the  
26 public at the earliest date practicable, but not later than July 1, 2017.

27           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
28 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,  
29 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
30 of no further force and effect.