Chapter 758

### (House Bill 1447)

# AN ACT concerning

#### Motor Vehicle Administration - Registration Plates - Return and Expiration

FOR the purpose of providing that certain registration plates required to be returned to the Motor Vehicle Administration may be returned through the mail; providing that certain registration plates may not expire until the Administration makes a determination on a certain application; and generally relating to the return and expiration of motor vehicle registration plates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 11-101 and 11-131

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

### BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 13–410(h) and (i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

# **Article - Transportation**

11–101.

In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context requires otherwise.

11-131.

"Mail" means to deposit in the United States mail, properly addressed and with postage prepaid.

13-410.

(H) A REGISTRATION PLATE THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED TO THE ADMINISTRATION MAY BE RETURNED THROUGH THE MAIL.

(I) NOTWITHSTANDING § 13–412 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE APPLIES FOR REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION PLATES, THE CURRENT REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE REGISTERED OWNER MAY NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION MAKES A DETERMINATION ON THE APPLICATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.