

HOUSE BILL 1011

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By: **Delegates Impallaria, Jackson, Folden, and McDonough**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plate – Thin Blue Line**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the
4 Department of State Police, to develop and make available for certain vehicles a
5 special registration plate honoring fallen law enforcement officers; requiring the
6 Administration to designate the special registration plate as the “Thin Blue Line”
7 registration plate; authorizing a certain person to apply for the special registration
8 plate; requiring certain owners of vehicles assigned a special registration plate under
9 this Act to pay certain fees; requiring that certain fees be used only for certain
10 purposes; exempting the owner of a certain vehicle from paying a certain fee;
11 requiring the Administration to consult with the Department on designing the
12 special registration plate; requiring that a special registration plate issued under
13 this Act include certain words; requiring the Administration to consult with the
14 Maryland Higher Education Commission on setting a certain fee and establishing a
15 certain schedule for transferring certain fees to the Commission; requiring the
16 Administration to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act;
17 specifying the contents of the Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Scholarship
18 Fund; and generally relating to a special registration plate honoring fallen law
19 enforcement officers.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Education
22 Section 18–601(h)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Transportation
27 Section 13–619.4
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 18–601.

5 (h) (1) There is an Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Scholarship Fund.

6 (2) The Commission shall administer the Fund.

7 (3) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
8 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 (4) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund and the Comptroller shall
10 account for the Fund.

11 (5) **THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

12 (I) **REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 13–619.4**
13 **OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND**

14 (II) **ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED**
15 **FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

16 (6) The Commission:

17 (i) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Fund;

18 (ii) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from
19 the programs; and

20 (iii) Shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the programs
21 with the State Treasurer.

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 **13–619.4.**

24 (A) (1) **THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**
25 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR**
26 **QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING**
27 **FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

28 (2) **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DESIGNATE THE REGISTRATION**

1 PLATE DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AS THE “THIN
2 BLUE LINE” REGISTRATION PLATE.

3 (B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF A VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE
4 NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE, OR A
5 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS A VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE BY
6 THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR
7 SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS
8 INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

9 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

10 (2) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;

11 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER’S RATED
12 CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;

13 (4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE; OR

14 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

15 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
16 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION
17 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

18 (I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A
19 ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION’S
20 COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

21 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND
22 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY THE
23 ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE EDWARD T. CONROY AND JEAN B. CRYOR
24 SCHOLARSHIP FUND UNDER § 18-601 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

25 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
26 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
27 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

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

31 (D) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE

1 ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE ON
2 THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION TO HONOR
3 FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

4 (II) A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
5 SHALL INCLUDE THE WORDS "THIN BLUE LINE".

6 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND
7 HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION ON:

8 (I) SETTING THE FEE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II)
9 OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF THE
10 REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A
11 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE EDWARD T. CONROY AND JEAN B.
12 CRYOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND; AND

13 (II) ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE
14 ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
15 COMMISSION REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE EDWARD T. CONROY AND
16 JEAN B. CRYOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

17 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
18 THIS SECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2018.