

# HOUSE BILL 1644

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Fee Exemption – Active Military and Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an exemption from vehicle registration fees for a vehicle  
4 that is owned and personally used by a person who is serving in the armed forces or  
5 is a veteran and who relocates to and becomes a resident of the State for employment  
6 purposes; and generally relating to exemptions from the vehicle registration fee.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–903(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 13–903.

16 (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the registration fees specified in this  
17 subtitle:

18 (1) A vehicle that is owned and operated by the United States, this State,  
19 or any political subdivision of this State;

20 (2) A vehicle that is owned by a volunteer fire company incorporated in this  
21 State or by a rescue squad and that is used for fire fighting or ambulance purposes;

22 (3) A canteen wagon of a recognized fire buff organization, as certified by  
23 the International Fire Buffs Association;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) A vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air Patrol;

2 (5) A vehicle owned and operated by a unit of a national veterans'  
3 organization;

4 (6) A vehicle owned and operated by a Maryland chapter of the American  
5 Red Cross;

6 (7) A motor vehicle and trailer known as the "40-8 box car" that is owned  
7 and operated only for social or charitable purposes by any voiture of the Forty and Eight of  
8 the American Legion, Department of Maryland;

9 (8) A vehicle owned and personally used by a veteran who:

10 (i) As designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration, has  
11 lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or

12 (ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

13 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,  
14 with corrective glasses; or

15 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has  
16 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular  
17 distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;

18 (9) A vehicle owned and personally used by an individual who is at least 65  
19 years old and is the surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as defined under §  
20 7-208 of the Tax – Property Article; [and]

21 (10) A Type I or Type II school vehicle owned and operated by a religious  
22 organization; AND

23 **(11) A VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED AND PERSONALLY USED BY A PERSON**  
24 **WHO:**

25 **(I) IS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES**  
26 **OR IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;**  
27 **AND**

28 **(II) RELOCATES TO AND BECOMES A RESIDENT OF THE STATE**  
29 **FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.**

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