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House Bill 1261 (Delegate Rey)  
Environment and Transportation

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Vehicle Laws - Temporary Registration - Out-of-State and Foreign Vehicles

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This bill prohibits a person from driving (or attempting to drive) a vehicle in the State that has an out-of-state or foreign temporary or temporary transporter registration that on issuance was valid for 90 days or less, unless the registration complies with the laws of the issuing jurisdiction. A person convicted of a violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500 for a first offense and a fine of up to \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. In addition, three points must be assessed against the person's driver's license after conviction.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues to the extent additional drivers receive citations under the bill's provisions. Any additional suspensions of driver's licenses under the bill likely have no material impact on Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) finances or operations. Enforcement can be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Enforcement can be handled with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A vehicle used or driven in the State may not display (on either its front or rear) any expired registration plate issued by any state, unless otherwise expressly authorized by MVA. A violation of this provisions is a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of up to \$500 or a prepayment fine of \$70.

### *Vehicles of Nonresidents Not Subject to Registration*

A nonresident may drive (or permit the driving of) a foreign vehicle in Maryland without registering the vehicle if, at all times, the vehicle (1) is registered in and displays *current* registration plates issued for it in the owner's place of residence and (2) carries the required registration card. However, the vehicle may not be (1) used for transporting persons for hire, compensation, or profit; (2) regularly operated in carrying on business in the State; (3) designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property; or (4) in the custody of any resident for more than 30 days during any registration year.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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