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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Special Plates for Honorably Discharged Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and issue special
4 registration plates for honorably discharged veterans of all branches of the armed
5 forces of the United States; specifying who may apply and the classes of vehicles
6 eligible for the special registration plates; establishing the manner in which certain
7 fees will be established, retained, and credited in connection with the special
8 registration plates; specifying the contents of the special registration plates;
9 requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; altering the composition
10 of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and generally relating to the issuance of
11 special registration plates for honorably discharged veterans of all branches of the
12 armed forces of the United States.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – State Government
15 Section 9–913(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – State Government
20 Section 9–913(g)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article – Transportation
25 Section 13–619.4

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – State Government**

6 9–913.

7 (e) (1) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust established for the purpose of
8 providing monetary and other assistance to:

9 (i) veterans and their families; and

10 (ii) public and private programs that support veterans and their
11 families.

12 (2) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

13 (g) The Fund consists of:

14 (1) gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9–914.2(a)(1) of this
15 subtitle; and

16 (2) contributions to the Fund from:

17 (i) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under §
18 9–112(d) of this title; [and]

19 (ii) the donations from video lottery facility players under §
20 9–1A–04(d)(19) of this article; AND

21 **(III) THE DESIGNATED FEES FROM SPECIAL REGISTRATION**
22 **PLATES FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE**
23 **ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER § 13–619.4 OF THE**
24 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

25 **Article – Transportation**

26 **13–619.4.**

27 **(A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND ISSUE SPECIAL**
28 **REGISTRATION PLATES FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF ALL**
29 **BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

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

7 **(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

8 **(II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S**
9 **RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;**

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

11 **(IV) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

12 **(3) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER**
13 **THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF THAT IS SATISFACTORY**
14 **TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED**
15 **VETERAN OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

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

19 **(I) AN ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE**
20 **ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED TO THE**
21 **VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION; OR**

22 **(II) AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE**
23 **ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME THE PLATE IS RENEWED.**

24 **(2) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL**
25 **REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT:**

26 **1. WILL ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER**
27 **ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

28 **2. IS SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A SURPLUS AFTER**
29 **COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED.**

30 **(II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN A PORTION OF THE**
31 **ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE**

1 ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ANY COSTS OF ISSUING AND DISTRIBUTING SPECIAL
2 REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

3 (III) ANY SURPLUS MONEY REMAINING AFTER THE
4 ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOVERED THE COSTS OF ISSUING A SPECIAL PLATE UNDER
5 THIS SECTION AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES MAY NOT
6 BE RETAINED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE FOR ANY
7 PURPOSE.

8 (IV) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS
9 PARAGRAPH, THE SURPLUS MONEY AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL
10 RENEWAL FEES SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND
11 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-913 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

12 (3) NO PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION OR
13 RENEWAL FEES MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE
14 REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS
15 ARTICLE.

16 (C) ANY FEE THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE
17 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A
18 VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

19 (D) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:

20 (1) MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF LETTERS, NUMERALS, OR
21 BOTH; AND

22 (2) SHALL INCLUDE WORDS OR AN EMBLEM OR LOGO INDICATING
23 THAT THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE HOLDER IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED
24 VETERAN OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

25 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NOT
26 INCONSISTENT WITH THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF
27 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2019.