

SENATE BILL 866

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By: **Senators Zucker, M. Washington, Bailey, Beidle, and Elfreth**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Vehicle Registration Plates – Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland**
3 **Agricultural Education Foundation – Appropriation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for certain
5 fiscal years an appropriation for the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland
6 Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. that is calculated based on the amount of
7 revenue collected from certain special vehicle registration plates in certain fiscal
8 years; and generally relating to funding for the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland
9 Agricultural Education Foundation.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 13–618(a) and (c)(2)(iv) and (v) and 13–619.2(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 13–618(c)(2)(vi)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 13–619.2(d)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation

13–618.

(a) The Administration shall issue a special Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plate.

(c) (2) (iv) Any surplus money remaining after the Administration has recovered the costs of issuing a commemorative plate under this section and money collected for additional renewal fees may not be retained by or transferred to any agency of the State for any purpose.

(v) Notwithstanding subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the surplus money and money collected for additional renewal fees shall be disbursed by the Administration to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

(VI) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN AMOUNT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN THE THIRD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR LESS THE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN THE SECOND IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IF THE DIFFERENCE IS A POSITIVE NUMBER.

13–619.2

(a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

(d) **(1)** The Administration shall consult with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. on:

[(1)] (I) The design of a registration plate to be issued under this section to honor Maryland agriculture;

[(2)] (II) The setting of the fee to be charged under subsection (c)(1)(ii) of this section at a level intended to encourage the purchase of the registration plate issued under this section while providing a continuous revenue source to benefit the Foundation; and

[(3)] (III) A schedule under which the Administration will transfer to the Foundation revenue collected on the Foundation's behalf.

(2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN

1 AMOUNT FOR THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
2 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS
3 SUBSECTION IN THE THIRD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR LESS THE
4 AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE
5 SECOND IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IF THE DIFFERENCE IS A POSITIVE
6 NUMBER.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2023.