

SENATE BILL 397

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Military Vehicles – Registration and Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register certain
4 military vehicles; providing for the registration classification of military vehicles;
5 establishing certain standards and procedures for the registration of military
6 vehicles; requiring an owner of a military vehicle to submit with the registration
7 application a certain certification relating to the purposes for which the vehicle will
8 be operated; requiring the Administration, in consultation with certain persons, to
9 develop a safety inspection and a safety inspection process for military vehicles; and
10 generally relating to the registration and operation of military vehicles.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–936.3
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 **13–936.3.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MILITARY VEHICLE” MEANS A WHEELED,**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 MULTIPURPOSE VEHICLE, INCLUDING A TRAILER, THAT:

2 (1) WAS MANUFACTURED FOR MILITARY USE BY OR UNDER THE
3 DIRECTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR THE ARMED FORCES OF
4 ANOTHER COUNTRY;

5 (2) SUBSEQUENTLY WAS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE TO CIVILIANS;

6 (3) MEETS FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS; AND

7 (4) HAS A VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR A UNIQUE SERIAL
8 NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE MANUFACTURER.

9 (B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION,
10 EVERY MILITARY VEHICLE IS A CLASS MV-C (MILITARY VEHICLE-COLLECTORS)
11 VEHICLE.

12 (C) FOR EACH MILITARY VEHICLE, THERE IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION
13 FEE OF \$51.

14 (D) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF A MILITARY VEHICLE UNDER THIS
15 SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A
16 CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:

17 (1) WILL BE OPERATED ONLY:

18 (I) IN OFF-HIGHWAY EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, ON-HIGHWAY
19 CLUB ACTIVITIES, PARADES, TOURS, AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS;

20 (II) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENTS
21 DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM;

22 (III) ON OCCASIONAL PLEASURE TRIPS; OR

23 (IV) TO FACILITATE THE SALE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE
24 VEHICLE; AND

25 (2) WILL NOT BE OPERATED:

26 (I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION;

27 (II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR
28 PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS;

1 (III) FOR EMPLOYMENT;

2 (IV) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EMPLOYMENT OR
3 SCHOOL; OR

4 (V) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

5 (E) (1) WHEN REGISTERING A MILITARY VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION,
6 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

7 (I) ASSIGN A DISTINGUISHING NUMBER TO THE VEHICLE; AND

8 (II) ISSUE TO ITS OWNER A STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE
9 BEARING THE DISTINGUISHING NUMBER.

10 (2) THE OWNER SHALL ATTACH THE STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE TO
11 THE MILITARY VEHICLE AS THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES.

12 (F) (1) AN APPLICANT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A MILITARY VEHICLE
13 SHALL PROVIDE PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE
14 HAS PASSED A SAFETY INSPECTION.

15 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE AND MILITARY VEHICLE OWNERS IN THE STATE,
17 SHALL DEVELOP A SAFETY INSPECTION AND A SAFETY INSPECTION PROCESS FOR
18 MILITARY VEHICLES.

19 (G) (1) A MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT
20 REGISTRATION CLASS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, MAY CONTINUE TO BE
21 REGISTERED UNDER THAT REGISTRATION CLASS.

22 (2) IF A MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT
23 REGISTRATION CLASS IS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW OWNER, THE MILITARY VEHICLE
24 SHALL BE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2024.