

SENATE BILL 463

R4

4lr2367

By: **Senator Salling**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Submarine Warfare**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
4 available a specially designed registration plate that features the statement
5 “Submarine Warfare”; and generally relating to specially designed registration
6 plates.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–619.4

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 **13–619.4.**

16 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A**
17 **SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE THAT FEATURES THE STATEMENT**
18 **“SUBMARINE WARFARE”.**

19 **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE**
20 **NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE, OR A**
21 **PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE**
22 **BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE**
23 **ASSIGNMENT OF A REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES PROOF THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN**
3 **OF THE U.S. NAVY; AND**

4 **(2) THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

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

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

8 **(III) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;**

9 **(IV) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR**

10 **(V) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

11 **(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**
12 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE**
13 **UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE ASSIGNED THE REGISTRATION**
14 **PLATE SHALL PAY A ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE**
15 **ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

16 **(2) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY**
17 **BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR**
18 **DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

19 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

20 **(1) DESIGN THE REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS**
21 **SECTION; AND**

22 **(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL**
23 **REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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