

MARYLAND REGISTER

**Emergency Action on Regulations**

<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY AELR COMMITTEE</b>	<b>EMERGENCY Transmittal Sheet</b>	<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY DSD</b>
Date Received by AELR Committee		Date Filed with Division of State Documents
07/23/2015		
Emergency Status Approved		Document Number
_ -Yes _ -No		
Emergency Status Begins On		Date of Publication in MD Register
Emergency Status Ends On		
Name of AELR Committee Counsel		

**1. COMAR Codification**

**Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation**

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**2. Name of Promulgating Authority**

Department of Transportation

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**5. Check applicable items:**

- New Regulations

- Amendments to Existing Regulations

- Repeal of Existing Regulations

- Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

**6. Date Requested for Emergency Status to Begin: 8/1/2015**

**Date Requested for Emergency Status to Expire: 3/1/2015**

**7. Agency Will Take the Following Action on These Regulations**

- Promulgate them in accordance with State Government Article, §§ 10-101 -- 10-126

- Allow them to expire

**8. Is there proposed text which is identical to emergency text:**

- Yes  - No

If yes, corresponding proposed text published in:

- same issue

- future issue

- previous issue; it appeared in

: Md. R

(vol.) (issue) (page no's) (date)

Under Maryland register docket no.: --E.

**9. Check the following item if it is included in the attached document:**

- Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

**10. Reason for Request for Emergency Status**

This action is necessary to begin revocation of license plates that contain certain images on license plates that the MVA is now authorized to prohibit given their potentially offensive nature. Emergency status is necessary to revoke these plates as quickly as possible.

**11. Certificate of Authorized Officer**

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Damon Bell, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-768-7415) on July 20, 2015. A signed copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

**Name of Authorized Officer**

Milt Chaffee

**Title**

Administrator

**Telephone No.**

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**Date**

July 20, 2015

**Title 11  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION—VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION**

**11.15.29 Rejection of Registration Plates**

Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b) and 13-619, Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Notice of Emergency Action**

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The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review has granted emergency status to remove the “grandfather” provision of COMAR 11.15.29 which will apply the regulation to all registration plates regardless of the date of issuance.

**Emergency status began:**

**Emergency status expires:**

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this emergency action.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

The emergency action has no economic impact.

**Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The emergency action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

**Economic Impact Statement Part C**

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 2016

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

Yes

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

Transportation Trust Fund

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

This action has no economic impact under Part A, however, under the proposed regulations the potential exists that the number of special registration plates and organizational plates could change from current levels.

Based on MVA's data, at the end of FY 2014 there were 78,884 vehicles registered with personalized plates and 117,568 vehicles registered with Organizational plates and at the end of FY 2015; there were 76,864 vehicles registered with personalized plates and 116,786 vehicles registered with Organizational plates. A precise calculation of the economic impact to the Administration is not possible given the fact that it is not known how many special registration plates and organizational plates would be impacted. However, it is anticipated that the number of plates affected would be small; therefore, the economic impact resulting from this proposal/legislation would be minimal in nature.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

This action has no economic impact on small businesses since the fees are unchanged.

G. Response to small business worksheet:

a. Intended Beneficiaries: N/A

b. Intended Beneficiaries: Households: N/A

c. Intended Beneficiaries: Businesses: N/A

d. Other Direct or Indirect Impacts: Adverse: N/A

- e. Other Direct or Indirect Impacts: Positive: N/A
- f. Long-Term Impacts: N/A
- g. Estimates of Economic Impact: N/A

Attached Document:

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11.15.29 (July 9, 2015)

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**.01 Scope and Applicability.**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. This chapter applies to *all* registration plates issued under COMAR 11.15.07 and 11.15.19 [after the date this chapter becomes effective. Registration plates issued before the effective date of this chapter are not affected by this chapter so long as they are continuously renewed] *regardless of the date of issuance.*

**MILT CHAFFEE**

**Administrator**

**Motor Vehicle Administration**