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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Public School Construction**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the issuance of certain special registration plates by the
4 Motor Vehicle Administration that express support for education; specifying the
5 persons who may apply for special registration plates; specifying the classes of
6 vehicles for which the special registration plates may be issued; providing for the
7 design of the plates; requiring an applicant for the plates to pay, in addition to the
8 annual registration fee, a fee established by the Administration subject to certain
9 requirements and limitations; providing for the distribution of a certain portion of
10 the fees to local governing bodies to be used for public school construction;
11 requiring local governing bodies to consult with certain boards of education and the
12 Interagency Committee on School Construction; and generally relating to special
13 registration plates for public school construction.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-619.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 13-619.2.

23 (A) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A
24 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR
25 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE
26 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
27 ASSIGNMENT OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE
28 VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

29 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

30 (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;

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1 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED
2 CAPACITY OF 3/4 TON OR LESS;

3 (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

4 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

5 (B) ON APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER THIS
6 SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE TO THE APPLICANT SPECIAL
7 REGISTRATION PLATES, OF A DESIGN DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION,
8 THAT EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION.

9 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS
10 TITLE, THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES
11 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION
12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

13 (D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE FEE FOR SPECIAL
14 REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL CALCULATED TO
15 ENSURE THAT:

16 (I) THE ADMINISTRATION RECOVERS ITS COSTS INCURRED IN
17 CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (II) THE FEES GENERATED UNDER THIS SECTION WILL RESULT IN
19 A SURPLUS AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS ARE DEDUCTED.

20 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
21 SUBSECTION, THE FEE CHARGED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE FEE
22 CHARGED FOR COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER § 13-618 OF THIS
23 SUBTITLE.

24 (E) THE PORTION OF EACH FEE CHARGED UNDER THIS SECTION THAT IS
25 NECESSARY TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS SHALL BE RETAINED BY
26 THE ADMINISTRATION AND MAY NOT BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR
27 VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS
28 ARTICLE.

29 (F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR EACH
30 VEHICLE ISSUED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
31 PORTION OF THE FEE REMAINING AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DEDUCTED ITS
32 COSTS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY IN
33 WHICH THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED.

34 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES FUNDS
35 DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL USE THE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC
36 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AFTER CONSULTING WITH:

37 (I) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR IN BALTIMORE CITY,
38 THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS; AND

39 (II) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1996.