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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Maximum Truck Weight**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum manufacturer's rated capacity of a Class E
4 (truck) vehicle that is eligible for special personalized registration plates, amateur
5 radio operator's registration plates, commemorative registration plates, nonprofit
6 organization registration plates, or registration plates for recipients of certain
7 combat-related armed forces medals; and generally relating to the eligibility of
8 trucks for certain registration plates.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 13-613(a), 13-617(a), 13-618(b), 13-619(a), and 13-619.1(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-613(c), 13-618(a), 13-619(c), and 13-619.1(c)
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 13-613.

23 (a) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (2) of this subsection
24 may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special,
25 personalized registration number.

26 (2) This section applies only as to:

27 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

28 (ii) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;

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1 (iii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a [3/4] 1 ton or less manufacturer's
2 rated capacity;

3 (iv) A Class G (nonfreight trailer) vehicle;

4 (v) A Class L (historic) vehicle;

5 (vi) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; or

6 (vii) A Class N (street rod) vehicle.

7 (c) (1) A special registration number assigned under this section may consist of
8 any combination of not more than 7 letters and numerals.

9 (2) In its discretion, the Administration may refuse any combination of
10 letters and numerals.

11 13-617.

12 (a) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (2) of this subsection
13 may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special amateur
14 radio registration number, if the applicant holds an amateur radio station license issued
15 by the Federal Communications Commission.

16 (2) This section applies only as to:

17 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle; or

18 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a [3/4] 1 ton or less manufacturer's
19 rated capacity.

20 13-618.

21 (a) The Administration may issue special commemorative original or substitute
22 registration plates for any geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental
23 commemoration of statewide significance.

24 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended as
25 security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns the
26 vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for the
27 assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this section if the vehicle is
28 included in one of the following classes:

29 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

30 (2) A Class B (for hire) vehicle;

31 (3) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of [3/4]
32 1 ton or less;

33 (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or

34 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

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1 13-619.

2 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under lease not
3 intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that
4 owns the vehicle who is a member of an organization considered eligible by the
5 Administration may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special
6 registration number if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

7 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

8 (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of $\frac{3}{4}$
9 1 ton or less; or

10 (3) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

11 (c) The Administration may issue and continue a special registration number
12 under this section if:

13 (1) The owner of the motor vehicle submits, with the original application,
14 proof satisfactory to the Administration that the owner of the vehicle is a member of a
15 nonprofit organization and complies with the regulations adopted by the Administration
16 under subsection (d) of this section; and

17 (2) At least 25 owners of vehicles in a class apply to the Administration for
18 the assignment of special registration numbers, and at least 25 special registration
19 numbers are issued initially.

20 13-619.1.

21 (a) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not
22 intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that
23 owns the vehicle may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special
24 registration number and special registration plates under this section for a vehicle
25 included in one of the following classes:

26 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

27 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a $\frac{3}{4}$ 1 ton or less manufacturer's
28 rated capacity; or

29 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

30 (2) To be eligible for a special registration under this section, an applicant
31 shall provide proof that is satisfactory to the Administration that the applicant is a
32 recipient of an individually earned, combat-related, armed forces medal.

33 (c) Special registration plates issued under this section:

34 (1) May consist of any combination of letters, numerals, or both; and

35 (2) Shall include:

36 (i) An emblem or logo as authorized by the Administration that
37 depicts the medal; and

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1 (ii) Words describing the medal printed across the bottom of the
2 plates.

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