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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Truck Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum manufacturer's rated capacity of a Class E
4 (truck) vehicle that is eligible for special nonprofit organization registration plates;
5 and generally relating to the eligibility of trucks for certain special registration
6 plates.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 13-619
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 13-619.

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

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

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

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

25 (b) (1) In this subsection, "motorcyclist organization" means a motorcyclist
26 organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that:

27 (i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c)(7) of the Internal Revenue
28 Code; and

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1 (ii) Is determined by the Administration to be eligible under this
2 section.

3 (2) The owner of a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle who is a member of a
4 motorcyclist organization may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special
5 registration number for the vehicle.

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

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

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

15 (d) The Administration shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with the
16 Maryland Vehicle Law to govern the issuance of special registration plates to members of
17 nonprofit organizations under this section.

18 (e) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under this
19 title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a special registration under this section shall pay a fee
20 determined by the Administration each time new registration plates are issued for the
21 vehicle.

22 (2) The fee:

23 (i) May not exceed the amount required to enable the Administration
24 to recover its costs under this section;

25 (ii) Shall be retained by the Administration for the purpose of
26 recovering its cost under this section; and

27 (iii) May not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue
28 Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of the Transportation Article.

29 (f) The additional fee required under subsection (e) of this section is not required
30 for special registration of a vehicle that is exempt under § 13-903 of this title, or a vehicle
31 with a special registration plate recognizing:

32 (1) The Maryland National Guard; or

33 (2) A volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer
34 ambulance company in this State.

35 (g) (1) The special registration plates or plate issued under this section may
36 consist of:

37 (i) 1. Any combination of letters, numerals, or both; and

