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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Registration - Political Subdivisions and State Agencies**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law to provide that any political
4 subdivision or State agency authorized to regulate parking may act as the agent of
5 the Motor Vehicle Administration in the registration of motor vehicles; authorizing
6 a designated agent of the Administration to collect a certain fee for each
7 nonresident permit it issues; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the
8 distribution of a portion of a certain vehicle registration fee to apolitical subdivision
9 acting as the Administration's agent; clarifying language; and generally relating to
10 political subdivisions and State agencies acting as an agent of the Motor Vehicle
11 Administration.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 13-402.1(e)(4), 13-404, and 26-305
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 13-402.1.

21 (e) (4) (I) On application, a nonresident's permit may be issued by the
22 Administration, or an agent designated by the Administration, in a formdetermined by
23 the Administration.

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1 (II) FOR EACH NONRESIDENT PERMIT IT ISSUES, AN AGENT
2 DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY COLLECT A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$4 IN
3 ADDITION TO THE NONRESIDENT PERMIT FEE TO OFFSET EXPENSES INCURRED IN
4 THE ISSUANCE OF NONRESIDENT PERMITS.

5 13-404.

6 (a) [(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (2) "County government" means the board of county commissioners or the
8 county council of a county or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may
9 be.] THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
10 AUTHORIZED TO REGULATE PARKING UNDER TITLE 26, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS
11 ARTICLE.

12 (b) (1) A [county government] STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
13 in this State may act as the agent of the Administration in the registration of vehicles and
14 in the issuance of registration plates and registration cards.

15 (2) At the end of each week, the [county government] STATE AGENCY OR
16 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall remit to the Administration:

17 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all fees collected
18 for the registration of vehicles under this section; and

19 (ii) A complete record of the registrations made during each day.

20 (3) In addition to the registration fees required by this title, the applicant
21 for registration of a vehicle shall pay a fee of \$1 for each registration issued by [the
22 county government] A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION acting as an agent
23 of the Administration under subsection (b)(1) of this section. The Administration shall
24 retain a portion of this fee in order to offset its costs. [A county government] THE STATE
25 AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION may collect, for each registration issued, an
26 additional fee not to exceed \$1 to offset expenses incurred in the [sale] ISSUANCE of
27 registrations. The amount of the additional fee shall be determined by [each county
28 government] THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

29 (4) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations to govern the
30 issuance of registration plates and validation tabs by [county governments] A STATE
31 AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

32 26-305.

33 (a) The Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle
34 involved in a parking violation under this subtitle or a violation under any federal parking
35 regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S.
36 government, if:

37 (1) It is notified by a political subdivision or authorized State agency that a
38 person cited for a violation under this subtitle has failed to either:

39 (i) Pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the citation;
40 or

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1 (ii) File a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation;

2 (2) It is notified by the District Court that a person who has elected to stand
3 trial for the violation under this subtitle has failed to appear for trial; or

4 (3) It is notified by a U.S. District Court that a person cited for a violation
5 under a federal parking regulation:

6 (i) Has failed to pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in
7 the federal citation; or

8 (ii) Either has failed to file a notice of his intention to stand trial for
9 the violation, or, if electing to stand trial, has failed to appear for trial.

10 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
11 Administration may suspend the registration of a vehicle involved in a parking violation
12 under this subtitle or a violation under any federal parking regulation that applies to
13 property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government if notified in
14 accordance with subsection (a) of this section that the violator is a chronic offender.

15 (2) The Administration may adopt rules and regulations to define chronic
16 offender and develop procedures to carry out the suspension of registration as authorized
17 by this subsection.

18 (c) The Administration shall continue the suspension and refusal to register or
19 transfer a registration of the vehicle until:

20 (1) If the suspension or refusal was required under subsection (a)(1) or
21 (b)(1) of this section, the political subdivision or State agency notifies the Administration
22 that the charge has been satisfied;

23 (2) If the suspension or refusal was required under subsection (a)(2) or
24 (b)(1) of this section, the District Court notifies the Administration that the person cited
25 has appeared for trial or has pleaded guilty and paid the fine for the violation; or

26 (3) If the suspension or refusal was required under subsection (a)(3) or
27 (b)(1) of this section, the U.S. District Court notifies the Administration that the charge
28 has been satisfied.

29 (d) (1) If the registration of the vehicle has been suspended in accordance with
30 subsection (b)(1) of this section, a person may not drive the vehicle on any highway in this
31 State.

32 (2) A person convicted under paragraph (1) of this subsection is subject to
33 the penalty set forth in § 27-101(b) of this article.

34 (e) The procedures specified in this section are in addition to any other penalty
35 provided by law for the failure to pay a fine or stand trial for a parking violation.

36 (f) The Administration shall adopt procedures by which the political subdivisions,
37 State agencies, the District Court, and the U.S. District Court shall notify it of any
38 restrictions and any rescission of restrictions placed on the registration of vehicles under
39 this section.

1 (g) (1) In addition to any other fee or penalty provided by law, an owner of a
2 vehicle who is denied registration of the vehicle under the provisions of this section shall
3 pay a fee established by the Administration before renewal of the registration of the
4 vehicle.

5 (2) The fee described under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

6 (I) MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN PART TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
7 ACTING AS AN AGENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE REGISTRATION OF A
8 VEHICLE UNDER § 13-404 OF THIS ARTICLE IF, BASED UPON INFORMATION
9 PROVIDED TO THE ADMINISTRATION BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION UNDER THIS
10 SECTION, THE VEHICLE'S PRIOR REGISTRATION WAS SUSPENDED OR THE VEHICLE'S
11 REGISTRATION RENEWAL WAS DENIED; AND

12 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
13 shall be retained by the Administration and may not be credited to the Gasoline and
14 Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

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