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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Vehicle Laws - Special Organizational Registration Plates - Abolition

3 FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that authorize the Motor Vehicle

4 Administration to issue special vehicle registration plates to vehicle owners who are
5 members of a nonprofit organization considered eligible by the Administration; and
6 generally relating to special organizational vehicle registration plates.

7 BY repealing

8 Article - Transportation

9 Section 13-619

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 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 a 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 or, subject to subsection (c)(3) of this section, the
19 surviving spouse of a member, of an organization considered eligible by the
20 Administration may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special
21 registration number if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

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

23 (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one ton
24 or less; or

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

26 (b) (1) In this subsection, "motorcyclist organization" means a motorcyclist
27 organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that:28 (i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue
29 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;

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; and

15 (3) In the case of an owner who is applying as a surviving spouse, the owner
16 submits proof satisfactory to the Administration that at the time of death of the owner's
17 spouse, the deceased spouse was the holder of a special registration number issued under
18 this section.

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

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

26 (2) The fee:

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

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

31 (iii) May not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue
32 Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

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

36 (1) The Maryland National Guard; or

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

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

3 (i) 1. Any combination of letters, numerals, or both; and
4 2. The name, initials, or abbreviation of the name of the
5 organization; or

6 (ii) 1. Any combination of letters, numerals, or both;
7 2. The name, initials, or abbreviation of the name of the
8 organization; and

9 3. An emblem or logo as authorized by the Administration that
10 depicts the organization.

11 (2) A special registration number assigned under this section shall be
12 displayed on the registration plates or plate for the vehicle.

13 (3) An organization may, at its option, receive a special registration under
14 either paragraph (1)(i) or paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, but not under both.]

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1997.