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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Improperly Registered Motor Vehicles - Law Enforcement Incentive**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish an incentive
5 program offering financial rewards to encourage law enforcement officers to take
6 enforcement action against certain improperly registered motor vehicles; requiring
7 rewards under the incentive program to be paid to the local government employing
8 a law enforcement officer who issues a citation for an improperly registered motor
9 vehicle that leads to a conviction; requiring the amount of the reward to equal a
10 certain portion of the excise tax collected when the vehicle is properly registered in
11 the State; defining a term; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
12 relating to an incentive program to encourage law enforcement actions against
13 certain improperly registered motor vehicles.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 12-104.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 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 12-104.2.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "IMPROPERLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE" MEANS A
24 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT:

25 (1) IS OWNED BY A PERSON WHO RESIDES IN THE STATE; BUT

26 (2) IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.

27 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM
28 OFFERING FINANCIAL REWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
29 SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO

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1 TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST IMPROPERLY REGISTERED MOTOR
2 VEHICLES.

3 (C) (1) IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ISSUES A CITATION FOR AN
4 IMPROPERLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE THAT LEADS TO A CONVICTION, THE
5 INCENTIVE PROGRAM SHALL PAY A REWARD TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT
6 EMPLOYS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

7 (2) A REWARD PAID UNDER THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM SHALL EQUAL
8 50% OF ANY EXCISE TAX COLLECTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN REGISTERING
9 THE IMPROPERLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 January 1, 1998.