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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Camden Yards Football Stadium - Special Vehicle Registration Plate**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a special
4 registration number and registration plate for certain vehicles and to charge certain
5 fees for this issuance; requiring the Administration to transfer a certain fee to the
6 Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund to be used for certain purposes, including to
7 offset any deficiency in State lottery revenues for the construction of a certain
8 football stadium at Camden Yards in Baltimore City; providing for the design of a
9 certain special registration plate; and generally relating to the issuance of a certain
10 special vehicle registration plate.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 11-102
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 13-619.2
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

21 Preamble

22 WHEREAS, The financing plan for the construction of a professional football
23 stadium at Camden Yards in Baltimore City for the Baltimore Ravens professional
24 football team is based in part on funding from revenues derived from State lottery
25 proceeds; and

26 WHEREAS, State lottery proceeds for the benefit of the football stadium were
27 originally projected to be \$32 million over Fiscal Years 1997-1999; and

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1 WHEREAS, Because sales of lottery tickets to benefit the football stadium have
2 remained sluggish, the State may be forced to generate additional revenues at the
3 expense of the General Fund of the State to meet its commitment to construct the
4 stadium; and

5 WHEREAS, An alternative source of revenue to benefit the construction of the
6 football stadium may be derived from the issuance of special vehicle registration plates to
7 the many fans of the Baltimore Ravens professional football team throughout the State;
8 now, therefore,

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

11 **Article - Transportation**

12 11-102.

13 "Administration" means the Motor Vehicle Administration.

14 13-619.2.

15 (A) THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE
16 UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER,
17 EMPLOYEE, OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE MAY
18 APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT TO THAT VEHICLE OF A
19 SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR A
20 VEHICLE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

21 (I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

22 (II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A 3/4 TON OR LESS
23 MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY; OR

24 (III) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

25 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
26 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE AND AN AMOUNT THE ADMINISTRATION
27 DETERMINES TO BE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO RECOVER THE COSTS INCURRED
28 BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION, A PERSON ENTITLED TO
29 A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY A FEE OF \$50.

30 (C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL TRANSFER THE \$50 FEE IT COLLECTS
31 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MARYLAND STADIUM FACILITIES
32 FUND ESTABLISHED BY § 7-312 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
33 ARTICLE.

34 (2) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE MARYLAND STADIUM FACILITIES
35 FUND UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED:

36 (I) TO OFFSET ANY DEFICIENCY IN STATE LOTTERY REVENUES
37 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBALL STADIUM AT CAMDEN YARDS IN
38 BALTIMORE CITY FOR THE BALTIMORE RAVENS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM;
39 AND

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1 (II) AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTBALL STADIUM, FOR THE
2 CONTINUED BENEFIT OF THE STADIUM.

3 (D) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY
4 CONSIST OF:

5 (1) ANY COMBINATION OF LETTERS AND NUMERALS; AND

6 (2) ANY DESIGN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, IN
7 CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY, THAT REFLECTS
8 SUPPORT BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THE PLATE IS ISSUED FOR THE BALTIMORE
9 RAVENS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

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