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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle License Plates**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Motor Vehicle Administration study the  
4 feasibility and advisability of changing the State's license plate design and issuance  
5 procedures.

6 WHEREAS, Annual vehicle registration fees provide a source of funds for road  
7 construction, maintenance, and improvement in the State; and

8 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State to insure compliance with the  
9 vehicle registration laws and, thus, a flow of revenues for highway construction,  
10 maintenance, and improvements; and

11 WHEREAS, Compliance with the vehicle registration laws is higher when a state  
12 maintains a regular license plate replacement program, including the regular changing of  
13 colors and design; and

14 WHEREAS, Law enforcement personnel can more easily and visually determine  
15 current compliance levels with motor vehicle registration laws if license plate colors and  
16 designs are regularly changed; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the  
18 General Assembly requests that the Motor Vehicle Administration study the feasibility  
19 and advisability of implementing a program for regular replacement of vehicle license  
20 plates that includes changes in design and color, including consideration of the costs and  
21 benefits of such a program; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, That the General Assembly requests that the Motor Vehicle  
23 Administration submit the results of its study, including its recommendations for license  
24 plate designs and colors, to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance  
25 Committee, and the Department of State Police by January 1, 1998; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
27 Legislative Reference to the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration.