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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Stolen Registration Plates or Affixed Validation Tabs - No Fee for**
3 **Replacement**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a fee
5 for the issuance of certain replacement registration plates, a replacement
6 registration card, and replacement validation tabs to replace certain stolen
7 registration plates or affixed validation tabs; making a technical change; and
8 generally relating to the replacement of registration plates or affixed validation tabs
9 that have been stolen.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 13-415(d) through (g)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 13-952
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 13-415.

24 (d) (1) If a current registration plate is lost, the owner of the vehicle for which
25 the registration was issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary number
26 plate bearing the vehicle's registration number.

27 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the same
28 manner as provided in this subtitle for the registration plate.

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1 (e) (1) If a current registration plate is stolen, the owner of the vehicle for
2 which the registration was issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary
3 number plate bearing the vehicle's registration number.

4 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the same
5 manner as provided in the subtitle for the registration plate.

6 (f) (1) If a current registration plate is damaged to the extent that the
7 registration plate is illegible, the owner of the vehicle for which the registration was
8 issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary number plate bearing the
9 vehicle's registration number.

10 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the same
11 manner as provided in this subtitle for the registration plate.

12 (g) Within 48 hours after the loss, theft, or damage to the extent of illegibility of
13 any current registration plate or any current validation tab that has been affixed to a
14 registration plate, the owner of the vehicle for which the plate or tab was issued or the
15 legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title of the vehicle, as shown
16 by the records of the Administration, shall notify the Administration and apply for
17 replacement registration plates, a replacement registration card, and replacement
18 validation tabs. The Administration shall supply the replacements on receiving
19 information satisfactory to it and payment of the required fee.

20 13-952.

21 (a) (1) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION, FOR the issuance of replacement registration plates, a replacement
23 registration card, and replacement validation tabs, issued under [§ 13-415(d) through
24 (f)] § 13-415(G) of this title to replace a lost[, stolen,] or damaged registration plate or
25 an affixed validation tab, the fee shall be established by the Administration.

26 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE
27 OF REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION PLATES, A REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION CARD,
28 AND REPLACEMENT VALIDATION TABS, ISSUED UNDER § 13-415(G) OF THIS TITLE TO
29 REPLACE A STOLEN REGISTRATION PLATE OR AN AFFIXED VALIDATION TAB.

30 (b) (1) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
31 SUBSECTION, FOR the issuance of replacement registration plates issued under Subtitle
32 6, Part II of this title, the fee shall be as established by the Administration.

33 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR
34 REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBTITLE 6, PART II OF THIS
35 TITLE TO REPLACE STOLEN REGISTRATION PLATES.

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