
By: **Delegate Minnick**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Surrender of Vehicle Registrations - Prorated Refunds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refund a certain
4 portion of vehicle registration fees on surrender of registration cards and
5 registration plates; specifying the manner in which the refund is to be
6 calculated; restricting refunds under specified circumstances; repealing a
7 provision authorizing refunds under limited circumstances; and generally
8 relating to vehicle registration fee refunds upon surrender of registrations.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 13-413
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 13-413.

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Administration
19 may adopt a system of multiyear registration.

20 (b) Vehicle registration plates or validation tabs shall be issued and displayed
21 in accordance with a schedule established by the Administrator.

22 (c) The fee for a multiyear registration is the same as the annual registration
23 fee established under this title multiplied by the number of years for which the
24 registration is issued.

25 (d) [The Administration shall refund the registration fees upon surrender of
26 the registration card and registration plates if the return is made before the
27 beginning of any 12-month registration year for which the application for refund is
28 made.]

1 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON SURRENDER
2 OF THE REGISTRATION CARD AND REGISTRATION PLATES, THE ADMINISTRATION
3 SHALL PRORATE THE FEE PAID FOR THE APPLICABLE REGISTRATION PERIOD ON A
4 MONTHLY BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND
5 REFUND THE BALANCE FOR THE REMAINING REGISTRATION PERIOD.

6 (2) THE REFUND UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
7 CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING ONE-TWELFTH OF THE APPLICABLE ANNUAL FEE BY
8 THE NUMBER OF FULL MONTHS REMAINING IN THE REGISTRATION PERIOD AND
9 ROUNDING THE PRODUCT TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR AMOUNT.

10 (3) IF A REQUEST FOR A REFUND IS SUBMITTED FOR A REGISTRATION
11 THAT IS SUSPENDED, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT PROCESS THE REQUEST UNTIL
12 THE SUSPENSION IS WITHDRAWN.

13 (e) The Administration may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of
14 this section.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1998.