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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Commemorative License Plates - Education**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain  
4 commemorative license plates to honor education; authorizing the  
5 Administration to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of commemorative  
6 license plates under this Act; specifying the vehicles that are eligible for  
7 commemorative license plates under this Act; authorizing the Administration to  
8 establish and charge a fee; requiring the Administration to disburse any surplus  
9 money received from fees paid for license plates under this Act to the counties to  
10 support secondary education; providing for the design of the commemorative  
11 license plates; and generally relating to commemorative license plates.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 13-618.1  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 13-618.1.

21 (A) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A  
22 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR  
23 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE  
24 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE  
25 ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF  
26 THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

27 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

28 (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;

1 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED  
2 CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;

3 (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

4 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

5 (B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE  
6 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A  
7 COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY THE FEE  
8 SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED  
9 TO THE VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

10 (2) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE FEE AT A LEVEL THAT  
11 WILL ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CHARGE A FEE THAT IS  
13 SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A SURPLUS AFTER COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED.

14 (III) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN A PORTION OF THE FEE  
15 THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ANY COSTS OF  
16 ISSUING AND DISTRIBUTING COMMEMORATIVE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

17 (IV) ANY SURPLUS MONEYS REMAINING AFTER THE  
18 ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOVERED THE COSTS OF ISSUING A COMMEMORATIVE  
19 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RETAINED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY  
20 AGENCY OF THE STATE FOR ANY PURPOSE.

21 (V) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
22 THE SURPLUS MONEYS MAY BE RETAINED FOR THE PURPOSE DESCRIBED IN  
23 PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 (3) THE SURPLUS MONEYS SHALL BE DISBURSED BY THE  
25 ADMINISTRATION TO EACH COUNTY ON A PRO RATA BASIS, BASED ON THE NUMBER  
26 OF VEHICLE OWNERS FROM EACH COUNTY REQUESTING COMMEMORATIVE PLATES  
27 UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR USE BY THAT COUNTY FOR PUBLIC SECONDARY  
28 EDUCATION.

29 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NOT INCONSISTENT  
30 WITH THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL  
31 REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

32 (D) (1) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER AS SPECIFIED BY THE  
33 ADMINISTRATION AND ASSIGNED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONSIST OF:

34 (I) ANY COMBINATION OF:

35 1. LETTERS; AND

36 2. NUMERALS; AND

1                   (II)     ANY DESIGN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT  
2 ADEQUATELY HONORS THE EDUCATIONAL THEME WHICH THE PLATE  
3 COMMEMORATES.

4                   (2)     A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER OR DESIGN ASSIGNED UNDER  
5 THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON THE REGISTRATION PLATES FOR THE  
6 VEHICLE.

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