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By: **Delegate Wood**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Periodic Reissuance of License Plates**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Motor Vehicle Administration to conduct a study of  
4 a procedure under which license plates would be periodically reissued and to  
5 report its results to the General Assembly by a specified date.

6 WHEREAS, Two fully reflective license plates, along with properly validated  
7 stickers affixed to the plates, have proven to be a vital aid to police in identifying  
8 motor vehicles which are properly and legally registered; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of vehicles that are not properly licensed and  
10 registered result in a massive loss of revenue to the State of Maryland each year; and

11 WHEREAS, One of the most effective methods of reducing registration  
12 avoidance, misrepresentation problems, and the number of damaged license plates is  
13 by the establishment of a periodic reissuance procedure under which each vehicle that  
14 operates on the streets and highways of Maryland periodically would receive a new  
15 set of license plates; and

16 WHEREAS, The cost of such a program would be more than offset by the  
17 amount of new revenue raised as has been the case in other states where periodic  
18 plate reissuance plans have been implemented; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a need at this time to explore the extent of this ongoing  
20 problem, the costs involved, and the efficacy of a periodic reissuance of license plates  
21 as a solution; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the Motor  
23 Vehicle Administration is requested to conduct a study of a procedure under which  
24 license plates would be periodically reissued, including the costs and benefits of such  
25 a procedure; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED,** That the Motor Vehicle Administration shall report to the  
27 Governor and the General Assembly the results of the study by September 15, 1998 so  
28 that a determination can be made concerning the merit of a reissuance program and  
29 the time period over which such a program, if warranted, can be implemented; and be  
30 it further

1       RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
2 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;  
3 The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
4 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.