

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 486

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Commemorative"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 4 down through "plates." in line 11 and substitute "requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture; prescribing who may apply for and the classes of vehicles eligible for the registration plate; providing the manner in which fees will be established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration plate; requiring the Administration to consult with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. on certain matters; providing a certain fee exemption applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of a special registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture and benefitting the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc."; in line 14, strike "13-618" and substitute "13-903(d)"; and after line 16, insert:

"BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 13-619.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 34 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"13-619.2.

(A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

(Over)

FOUNDATION, INC., THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING MARYLAND AGRICULTURE.

(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;
- (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;
- (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;
- (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR
- (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

(I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

(2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

(3) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. ON:

(1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION TO HONOR MARYLAND AGRICULTURE;

(2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE FOUNDATION; AND

(3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO THE FOUNDATION REVENUE COLLECTED ON THE FOUNDATION'S BEHALF.

(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

13-903.

(d) A disabled veteran whose vehicle is eligible for exemption under subsection (a)(8) of this section may, if eligible, receive the special registration number and special registration plates provided under § 13-616, § 13-617, § 13-618, § 13-619, [or] § 13-619.1, OR § 13-619.2 of this title without payment of the registration fees specified in this subtitle.”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 1, after "That" insert "it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Motor Vehicle Administration shall work with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. on the development of a special registration plate described under Section 1 of this Act and make the plate available to the public at the earliest date practicable, but not later than July 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 2, strike "October" and substitute "July"; and in the same line, after "2000." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".