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By: **Delegate Mohorovic**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Vehicle Laws - Registration Fee Exemptions - Maryland National**  
3                                   **Guardsmen**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting current and former members of the Maryland National  
5 Guard who meet certain requirements from paying a vehicle registration fee;  
6 exempting a person from paying a vehicle registration fee if the person is at  
7 least a certain age and is the surviving spouse of a deceased Maryland National  
8 Guardsman who would have qualified for a certain exemption; and generally  
9 relating to vehicle registration fee exemptions and Maryland National  
10 Guardsmen.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 13-903(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18                                   **Article - Transportation**

19 13-903.

20 (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the registration fees specified in  
21 this subtitle:

22 (1) A vehicle that is owned and operated by the United States, this State,  
23 or any political subdivision of this State;

24 (2) A vehicle that is owned by a volunteer fire company incorporated in  
25 this State or by a rescue squad and that is used for fire-fighting or ambulance  
26 purposes;

27 (3) A canteen wagon of a recognized fire buff organization, as certified by  
28 the International Fire Buffs Association;

- 1 (4) A vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air Patrol;
- 2 (5) A vehicle owned and operated by a unit of a national veterans'  
3 organization;
- 4 (6) A vehicle owned and operated by a Maryland chapter of the American  
5 Red Cross;
- 6 (7) A motor vehicle and trailer known as the "40-8 box car" that is owned  
7 and operated only for social or charitable purposes by any voiture of the Forty and  
8 Eight of the American Legion, Department of Maryland;
- 9 (8) A vehicle owned and personally used by a veteran who:
- 10 (i) As designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration, has  
11 lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or
- 12 (ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:
- 13 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,  
14 with corrective glasses; or
- 15 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has  
16 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an  
17 angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;
- 18 (9) A vehicle owned and personally used by an individual who is at least  
19 65 years old and is the surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as defined  
20 under § 7-208 of the Tax - Property Article; [and]
- 21 (10) A Type I or Type II school vehicle owned and operated by a religious  
22 organization[.];
- 23 (11) A VEHICLE OWNED AND PERSONALLY USED BY A CURRENT OR  
24 FORMER MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WHO:
- 25 (I) HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU TO  
26 HAVE LOST A HAND, ARM, OR LEG, OR BECOME TOTALLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF  
27 DUTY; OR
- 28 (II) HAS A PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OF BOTH EYES SO THAT:
- 29 1. THE CENTRAL VISUAL ACUITY IS 20/200 OR LESS IN THE  
30 BETTER EYE, WITH CORRECTIVE GLASSES; OR
- 31 2. THERE IS A FIELD DEFECT IN WHICH THE PERIPHERAL  
32 FIELD HAS CONTRACTED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE WIDEST DIAMETER OF  
33 VISUAL FIELD SUBTENDS AN ANGULAR DISTANCE NO GREATER THAN 20 DEGREES IN  
34 THE BETTER EYE; AND

1           (12)     A VEHICLE OWNED AND PERSONALLY USED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
2 IS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED  
3 MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WHO WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR AN  
4 EXEMPTION UNDER ITEM (11) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2000.