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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veterans - Parking Privileges**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a disabled veteran of the U.S. armed forces who
4 meets certain requirements to park a vehicle displaying certain registration
5 plates in a space designated for the use of individuals with disabilities;
6 providing that a disabled veteran meeting certain requirements is accorded
7 certain other parking privileges under certain circumstances; requiring an
8 individual using parking privileges under this Act to have in the individual's
9 possession certain identification and to display that identification on the
10 request of a police officer or certain other individuals under certain
11 circumstances; prohibiting a person from committing a fraud or making any
12 misrepresentation in using the parking privileges under this Act; and generally
13 relating to parking privileges for disabled veterans.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-616(g)(2) and (3) and 13-903(a)(8)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Transportation
21 Section 13-616.3
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article - Transportation
26 Section 21-1006(b)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 13-616.

5 (g) (2) The person for whom special registration plates are issued under this
6 section or under a similar provision of any other state or country:

7 (i) 1. Except as provided in items (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph,
8 may park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking
9 time permitted; and

10 2. Is not required to pay any parking meter fees of this State
11 or of any political subdivision of this State where parking meters do not meet the
12 Americans with Disabilities Act;

13 (ii) May park in a parking space equipped with a parking meter
14 only for:

15 1. Except as provided in item (ii)2 of this paragraph, twice
16 the maximum time period permitted on the parking meter but not to exceed a
17 maximum of 4 hours; and

18 2. If the parking meter permits parking for more than 4
19 hours, the period permitted on the parking meter; and

20 (iii) Subject to the posted time restriction specified for this parking
21 zone, may park in a designated zone for the handicapped established at any
22 State-owned airport.

23 (3) The provisions of this subsection supersede any local ordinance,
24 except that they do not apply:

25 (i) To zones where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited to
26 all vehicles;

27 (ii) To zones that are reserved for special types of vehicles; or

28 (iii) Where there is a local ordinance that prohibits parking during
29 heavy traffic periods in morning, afternoon, or evening rush hours, or where parking
30 clearly would present a traffic hazard.

31 13-616.3.

32 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY
33 PROVISION OF LAW CONCERNING THE PARKING PRIVILEGES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
34 DISABILITIES, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PARK A VEHICLE IN A SPACE DESIGNATED FOR

1 THE USE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SHALL BE ACCORDED ALL THE
2 PRIVILEGES SPECIFIED IN § 13-616(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

3 (1) IS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN
4 EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION FEES UNDER § 13-903(A)(8) OF THIS TITLE; AND

5 (2) IS OPERATING OR IS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE DISPLAYING
6 REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER § 13-619 OF THIS
7 SUBTITLE INDICATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A DISABLED VETERAN.

8 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE PARKING PRIVILEGES GRANTED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION SHALL:

10 (1) HAVE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S POSSESSION IDENTIFICATION ISSUED
11 BY THE ADMINISTRATION AS PROOF THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED UNDER
12 THIS SECTION TO USE THE PARKING PRIVILEGES; AND

13 (2) MAKE THE IDENTIFICATION AVAILABLE UPON THE REQUEST OF:

14 (I) A POLICE OFFICER, WHILE THE OFFICER IS DISCHARGING THE
15 OFFICIAL DUTIES OF A POLICE OFFICER; OR

16 (II) ANY OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY A POLITICAL
17 SUBDIVISION TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION, WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
18 THIS AUTHORITY.

19 (C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT ANY FRAUD OR MAKE ANY
20 MISREPRESENTATION IN USING THE PARKING PRIVILEGES GRANTED UNDER THIS
21 SECTION.

22 (2) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE DISPLAYING
23 REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED FOR A DISABLED VETERAN UNDER § 13-619 OF THIS
24 SUBTITLE MAY NOT USE THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION, UNLESS
25 THE PERSON IS:

26 (I) A VETERAN AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS
27 SECTION; OR

28 (II) ACCOMPANIED BY A VETERAN WHO:

29 1. DEPENDS ON THE PERSON FOR TRANSPORTATION; AND

30 2. IS A VETERAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS
31 SECTION.

32 13-903.

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

35 (8) A vehicle owned and personally used by a veteran who:

1 (i) As designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration, has
2 lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or

3 (ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

4 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,
5 with corrective glasses; or

6 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has
7 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an
8 angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;

9 21-1006.

10 (b) A person may not park a motor vehicle in a space designated for the use of
11 individuals with disabilities unless [the]:

12 (1) THE vehicle bears a special registration plate, a removable
13 windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard issued by the
14 Administration under § 13-616, § 13-616.1, or § 13-616.2 of this article or similarly
15 by another state, the District of Columbia, or another country; OR

16 (2) THE PERSON IS A DISABLED VETERAN WHO MEETS THE
17 REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-616.3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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