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By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee and  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee (Departmental - Maryland  
Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems) and Delegates Kopp  
and Rawlings**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters and Appropriations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration - Surcharge**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the motor vehicle registration surcharge for certain  
4 motor vehicles; and generally relating to the surcharge for motor vehicle  
5 registration.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 13-954  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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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 13-954.

20 (a) In this section, "motor vehicle" means a:

- 21 (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;  
22 (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;  
23 (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;

- 1 (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- 2 (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- 3 (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- 4 (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- 5 (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- 6 (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- 7 (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- 8 (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle; or
- 9 (12) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

10 (b) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the  
11 owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of [\$8]  
12 \$11 per year for each motor vehicle registered.

13 13-955.

14 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Maryland Emergency Medical System  
15 Operations Fund.

16 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

17 (2) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §  
18 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

19 (3) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted for  
20 and credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6-226(a) of the State Finance and  
21 Procurement Article.

22 (c) The Fund consists of:

23 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13-954 of this subtitle; and

24 (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and  
25 interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e)  
26 of this section that is a unit of State government.

27 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation  
28 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget  
29 amendment procedure provided under § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement  
30 Article, provided that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by  
31 the Legislative Policy Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

32 (e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

1           (1)       Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police,  
2 Special Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

3           (2)       The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

4           (3)       The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of  
5 Maryland Medical System;

6           (4)       The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

7           (5)       The provision of grants under the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance  
8 Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 38A, §§ 45A through 45D of the  
9 Code; and

10          (6)       The Low Interest Revolving Loan Account under the Volunteer  
11 Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 38A, §§ 46E  
12 through 46H of the Code.

13       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
14 effect July 1, 2001.