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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Commemoration of Victims of**  
3 **Terrorism**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make  
5 available a specially designed registration plate commemorating the victims of  
6 the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the victims of any subsequent  
7 terrorist attacks; prescribing who may apply for and the classes of vehicles  
8 eligible for the registration plate; requiring the Administration to consult with  
9 certain organizations on certain matters in connection with the registration  
10 plate; providing the manner in which fees will be established, collected, and  
11 distributed in connection with the registration plate; providing for a fee to  
12 benefit the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program; requiring the  
13 Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the  
14 issuance of a special registration plate commemorating victims of terrorist  
15 attacks and benefiting the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

16 BY adding to  
17 Article - Transportation  
18 Section 13-619.3  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 13-619.3.

25 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR  
26 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE  
27 COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS  
28 AND THE VICTIMS OF ANY SUBSEQUENT TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED  
29 STATES.

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

7 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

8 (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;

9 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED  
10 CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;

11 (4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

12 (5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

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

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

19 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND  
20 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY  
21 THE ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL  
22 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF § 18-601 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

23 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT  
24 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §  
25 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

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

29 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH ORGANIZATIONS  
30 REPRESENTING UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL AND STATE AND LOCAL  
31 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WHO WERE KILLED OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY  
32 ON:

33 (1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
34 SECTION TO COMMEMORATE VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST  
35 ATTACKS AND VICTIMS OF ANY SUBSEQUENT TERRORIST ATTACKS;

36 (2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION  
37 (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF

1 THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A  
2 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL  
3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND

4           (3)       A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER  
5 TO THE EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REVENUE  
6 COLLECTED ON THE PROGRAM'S BEHALF.

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

9       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2002.