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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates for Motorcycles and Trucks -**
3 **Maryland Agriculture**

4 FOR the purpose of adding Class D (motorcycle) vehicles to the list of vehicle classes
5 for which certain special registration plates designed to honor Maryland
6 agriculture may be obtained; repealing a certain weight limit concerning the
7 eligibility of a Class E (truck) vehicle for special registration plates designed to
8 honor Maryland agriculture; and generally relating to special registration plates
9 for motorcycles.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 13-619.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 13-619.2.

19 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation,
20 Inc. the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a
21 specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

22 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended
23 as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns
24 the vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration
25 for an original or substitute registration plate under this section if the vehicle is
26 included in one of the following classes:

27 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

- 1 (2) A Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- 2 (3) A Class E (truck) vehicle [with a manufacturer's rated capacity of
3 one ton or less];
- 4 (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; [or]
- 5 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; OR
- 6 (6) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE.

7 (c) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under
8 this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a registration plate under this section shall
9 pay:

10 (i) When initially issued the registration plate, a one-time fee set
11 by the Administration to recover the Administration's costs under this section; and

12 (ii) When initially issued the registration plate, and each time the
13 registration plate is renewed, an additional fee set by the Administration to benefit
14 the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

15 (2) The additional fee collected under this section is not required for
16 special registration of a vehicle that is exempt under § 13-903 of this title.

17 (3) No portion of the fee collected under this section may be credited to
18 the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or §
19 8-404 of this article.

20 (d) The Administration shall consult with the Maryland Agricultural
21 Education Foundation, Inc. on:

22 (1) The design of a registration plate to be issued under this section to
23 honor Maryland agriculture;

24 (2) The setting of the fee to be charged under subsection (c)(1)(ii) of this
25 section at a level intended to encourage the purchase of the registration plate issued
26 under this section while providing a continuous revenue source to benefit the
27 Foundation; and

28 (3) A schedule under which the Administration will transfer to the
29 Foundation revenue collected on the Foundation's behalf.

30 (e) The Administration shall adopt regulations to govern the issuance of
31 special registration plates under this section.

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