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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates for ~~Motoreycles~~ and Farm Trucks**  
3 **- Maryland Agriculture**

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

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.

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

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

7 (2) A Class B (for hire) vehicle;

8 (3) A Class E (truck) vehicle {with a manufacturer's rated capacity of  
 9 one ton or less};

10 (4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;

11 (5) A Class G (trailer) vehicle;{or}

12 ~~(5)~~ (6) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;~~OR~~

13 ~~(6)~~ A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE.

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

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

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

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

24 (3) No portion of the fee collected under this section may be credited to  
 25 the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or §  
 26 8-404 of this article.

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

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

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

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

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

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