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By: **Senator Neall**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Commemorative License Plates - Support of Education**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain  
4 commemorative license plates for the support of education in the State;  
5 providing for the design of the commemorative license plates; specifying the  
6 vehicles that are eligible for commemorative license plates under this Act;  
7 authorizing the Administration to establish and charge certain fees; requiring  
8 the Administration to disburse any surplus money received from fees paid for  
9 license plates under this Act to the counties to be used for certain  
10 education-related purposes, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing the  
11 Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
12 commemorative license plates issued for the support of education.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 13-618.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 13-618.1.

22 (A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR  
23 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE TO PROMOTE  
24 EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

25 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SPECIAL  
26 REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE OF A DESIGN  
27 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND SHALL DISPLAY:

28 (I) ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

1 (II) THE WORDS "I SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION"; AND

2 (III) A PICTURE OF AN APPLE TO SYMBOLIZE CLASSROOM  
3 INSTRUCTION.

4 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SOLICIT AND CONSIDER COMMENTS  
5 FROM STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WITH  
6 RESPECT TO THE DESIGN OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
7 SECTION.

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

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

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

16 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED  
17 CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;

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

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

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

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

26 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND  
27 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY  
28 THE ADMINISTRATION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF  
29 THE REGISTRATION PLATE WHILE PROVIDING A REVENUE SOURCE FOR  
30 EDUCATION-RELATED PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS  
31 SECTION.

32 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF  
33 THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE  
34 THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

35 (D) FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION:

1           (1)       MAY NOT BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE;

3           (2)       SHALL BE DISBURSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO EACH COUNTY  
4 ON A PRO RATA BASIS, ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF VEHICLE OWNERS FROM  
5 EACH COUNTY REQUESTING SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION;  
6 AND

7           (3)       MAY BE USED ONLY FOR TEXTBOOKS, COMPUTERS, LAB EQUIPMENT,  
8 AND OTHER CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY  
9 OTHER PURPOSE INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, SALARIES, OR MAINTENANCE  
10 COSTS.

11       (E)       THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE  
12 ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
13 REGULATIONS THAT SPECIFY:

14           (1)       THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE  
15 COUNTIES UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

16           (2)       THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE  
17 COUNTIES MAY BE USED.

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