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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ Special and Commemorative License Plate**  
3 **Plates - Renewal Fee and Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a renewal fee for the Chesapeake Bay  
5 Commemorative License Plate in addition to the annual registration fee;  
6 altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License  
7 Plate; providing the manner in which the renewal fee is established, collected,  
8 and distributed in connection with the registration plate; providing that certain  
9 moneys may not be used for certain purposes subject to a certain exception;  
10 providing a certain fee exemption applicable to certain vehicles; altering the  
11 termination date for special registration plates honoring State agriculture;  
12 requiring the Administration to make certain consultations with a certain  
13 organization; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to

1 a renewal fee for the ~~Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate~~ and  
2 ~~termination date for certain special and commemorative license plates.~~

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
4 Article - Transportation  
5 Section 13-618  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2002 Replacement Volume)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments.  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 13-619.2(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.  
14 Chapter 251 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
15 Section 3

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.  
17 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the First Special Session of  
18 1992, as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
19 1994, Chapter 356 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996, Chapter 141  
20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, Chapter 340 of the Acts of the  
21 General Assembly of 2000, and Chapter 34 of the Acts of the General  
22 Assembly of 2002  
23 Section 3

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

26 **Article - Transportation**

27 13-618.

28 (a) The Administration may issue special commemorative original or  
29 substitute registration plates for any geographical, historical, natural resource, or  
30 environmental commemoration of statewide significance.

31 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended  
32 as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns  
33 the vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration  
34 for the assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this section if the  
35 vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

36 (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 one  
3 ton or less;
- 4 (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or
- 5 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

6 (c) (1) An original or substitute commemorative plate may only be issued  
7 under this section for a fixed period of 2 consecutive years after its initial issuance.

8 (2) The Administration may only issue 1 commemorative plate under  
9 this section at any one time.

10 (d) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under  
11 this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a commemorative registration plate under  
12 this section shall pay [the]:

13 (I) AN ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION fee set by the  
14 Administration when the new registration plates are issued to the vehicle under this  
15 section; OR

16 (II) AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION  
17 EACH TIME THE PLATE IS RENEWED.

18 (2) (i) The Administration shall set the ADDITIONAL INITIAL  
19 REGISTRATION fee at a level that will enable the Administration to recover its costs  
20 under this section.

21 (ii) The Administration may [charge a fee] SET THE ADDITIONAL  
22 INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL that is sufficient to result in a surplus after  
23 costs are subtracted.

24 (iii) The Administration shall retain a portion of the ADDITIONAL  
25 INITIAL REGISTRATION fee that is sufficient to allow the Administration to recover  
26 any costs of issuing and distributing commemorative plates under this section.

27 (iv) Any surplus moneys remaining after the Administration has  
28 recovered the costs of issuing a commemorative plate under this section AND MONEYS  
29 COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES may not be retained by or transferred  
30 to any agency of the State for any purpose.

31 (v) Notwithstanding subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the  
32 surplus moneys AND MONEYS COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES may be  
33 retained for the purpose described in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

34 (3) The surplus moneys AND MONEYS COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL  
35 RENEWAL FEES shall be disbursed by the Administration to a nonprofit organization  
36 that is:

1 (i) Closely related to the geographical, historical, natural resource,  
2 or environmental theme which the plate commemorates; and

3 (ii) Designated by the Administration under subsection (e) of this  
4 section.

5 (4) No portion of the [fee] ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION OR  
6 RENEWAL FEES may be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account  
7 for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of the Transportation Article.

8 (e) (1) The Administration shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with the  
9 Maryland Vehicle Law to govern the issuance of special registration plates under this  
10 section.

11 (2) Before designating any nonprofit organization to receive any surplus  
12 moneys OR MONEYS COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES and before  
13 distributing [any surplus] THE moneys to any nonprofit organization, the  
14 Administration shall adopt regulations specific to each new commemorative plate  
15 detailing:

16 (i) The name and nature of the nonprofit organization receiving  
17 the money;

18 (ii) The relationship of the nonprofit organization to the  
19 geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which the plate  
20 commemorates; and

21 (iii) The plan of distribution of the funds.

22 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE NONPROFIT  
23 ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE MONEYS UNDER THIS SECTION TO  
24 ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO  
25 THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE  
26 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

27 (f) The additional [fee] FEES to the annual registration fee required by this  
28 section [is] ARE not required for special registration of a vehicle that is exempt under  
29 § 13-903 of this title, or a vehicle with a special registration plate recognizing:

30 (1) The Maryland National Guard; or

31 (2) A volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer  
32 ambulance company in this State.

33 (g) (1) A special registration number as specified by the Administration and  
34 assigned under this section may consist of:

35 (i) Any combination of:

36 1. Letters; and

1 2. Numerals; and

2 (ii) Any design approved by the Administration that adequately  
3 reflects the geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which  
4 the plate commemorates.

5 (2) A special registration number or design assigned under this section  
6 shall be displayed on the registration plates for the vehicle.

7 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE NONPROFIT  
8 ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE MONEYS UNDER THIS SECTION WITH  
9 RESPECT TO ANY DESIGN OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMEMORATIVE LICENSE  
10 PLATE.

11 13-619.2.

12 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation,  
13 inc. the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a  
14 specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

15 **Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2000**

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 7 8 years and, at the end of  
18 June 30, [2006] ~~2007~~ 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
19 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

20 *Chapter 3 of the Acts of the First Special Session of 1992, as amended by*  
21 *Chapter 91 of the Acts of 1994, Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1996, Chapter 141 of*  
22 *the Acts of 1998, Chapter 340 of the Acts of 2000, and Chapter 34 of the Acts of*  
23 *2002*

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the  
25 provisions of § 13-618(c) of the Transportation Article, the Motor Vehicle  
26 Administration shall extend the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Plate Program until  
27 July 1, [2007] 2008.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Motor Vehicle  
29 Administration, in conjunction with the nonprofit organization designated to receive  
30 moneys under this Act, shall implement the renewal fee for the Chesapeake Bay  
31 Commemorative License Plate by January 1, 2004.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~7~~ 4 5 years and, at the end of  
34 June 30, ~~2010~~ ~~2007~~ 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
35 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

