

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Titling and Registration - Temporary Registrations**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration,
4 when issuing a temporary vehicle registration, to issue a certain registration
5 card and plate; repealing certain limitations on the period during which a
6 temporary registration remains valid; expanding the authority of the
7 Administration to require certain vehicle inspections prior to titling and to issue
8 temporary registrations; and generally relating to vehicle titling and
9 registration.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 13-405 and 23-107
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 13-405.

19 (a) If an application for registration and certificate of title of a vehicle is
20 accompanied by the required fees, the Administration may issue a temporary
21 registration [card and a temporary registration plate] to permit the vehicle to be
22 driven pending action on the application by the Administration.

23 (b) Temporary registration may be issued for a period determined by the
24 Administrator [but may not exceed 15 days].

25 (c) The fee for each temporary registration [plate] issued shall be established
26 by the Administration.

1 (d) Temporary registration [plates] issued under this section may only be
2 issued in the case of sales between persons who are not licensed dealers, and in the
3 case of those transfers set forth in § 23-106(b)(4) of this article.

4 23-107.

5 (a) (1) Before the Administration titles and registers any used vehicle, it
6 shall require the applicant to present a valid inspection certificate for the vehicle.

7 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, an inspection certificate shall
8 remain valid from the date the inspection certificate is issued for a period of:

9 (i) 90 days; or

10 (ii) In the case of an inspection certificate issued for a used vehicle
11 owned and held in inventory by a dealer licensed under Title 15 of this article, the
12 earlier of:

13 1. 6 months; or

14 2. When 1,000 miles have been added to the vehicle's
15 odometer since the inspection certificate was issued.

16 (3) This subsection does not apply to any vehicle transferred within 30
17 days after the date of an inspection certificate issued for the vehicle and filed by the
18 Administration in its title records.

19 (b) (1) [If any person otherwise entitled to title and register a vehicle in this
20 State obtains a used vehicle outside of this State and] IF A PERSON applies for titling
21 and registration OF A VEHICLE [in this State], the Administration may:

22 (i) Withhold delivery of a certificate of title pending receipt of an
23 inspection certificate; and

24 (ii) Issue a temporary registration [on presentation of satisfactory
25 evidence that the vehicle is located outside of this State].

26 (2) A vehicle for which a temporary registration has been issued under
27 this subsection shall be inspected [immediately on its arrival in this State] WITHIN
28 60 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY REGISTRATION.

29 [(3) A temporary registration issued under this subsection expires at the
30 earlier of:

31 (i) The end of the current registration year; or

32 (ii) 6 months from the date of its issuance.]

33 (c) (1) When an existing school vehicle (Class H) is changed to any other
34 registration class, the vehicle shall be inspected at a licensed State inspection station.

1 (2) The inspection certificate shall be submitted at the time the vehicle is
2 being registered in the new class.

3 (d) All buses other than those that are required to be inspected annually by
4 the Public Service Commission or by the Administration shall be inspected annually
5 at a licensed State inspection station.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2004.