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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates Honoring Veterans of Operation**
3 **Iraqi Freedom**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
5 available a special registration plate honoring veterans of Operation Iraqi
6 Freedom; specifying who may apply for the special registration plate; requiring
7 an owner of a vehicle issued special registration plates to pay an additional fee
8 except under certain circumstances; prohibiting any portion of the additional fee
9 from being credited to a certain account; requiring the Administration to adopt
10 certain regulations; and generally relating to vehicle laws and special
11 registration plates honoring veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 13-619.3
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 13-619.3.

21 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
22 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING
23 VETERANS OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

24 (B) (1) THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE
25 UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE,
26 OR PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE MAY APPLY TO THE
27 ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER
28 THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- 1 (I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;
- 2 (II) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;
- 3 (III) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED
4 CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;
- 5 (IV) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;
- 6 (V) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR
- 7 (VI) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

8 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION UNDER THIS
9 SECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE
10 ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF OPERATION IRAQI
11 FREEDOM.

12 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN
13 ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS
14 TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION UNDER THIS
15 SECTION SHALL PAY A FEE AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME
16 NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED FOR THE VEHICLE.

17 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE SHALL BE CALCULATED TO RECOVER THE
18 COSTS INCURRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF
19 THIS SECTION.

20 (3) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
21 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS:

22 (I) EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE; OR

23 (II) OWNED OR LEASED BY A VETERAN OF OPERATION IRAQI
24 FREEDOM WHO HAS RETURNED FROM ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY IN IRAQ IN THE
25 PREVIOUS 2 YEARS.

26 (4) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE
27 CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR
28 DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.

29 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO COVER THE
30 ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

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