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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Honoring Maryland African**
 3 **American History and Culture**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
 5 available a specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland African
 6 American history and culture; prescribing who may apply for and the classes of
 7 vehicles eligible for the registration plate; providing the manner in which fees
 8 will be established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration
 9 plate; providing for the transfer of certain money collected under this Act to the
 10 African-American Museum Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit foundation of the
 11 Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History; prohibiting
 12 fees established under this Act from offsetting certain other appropriations;
 13 requiring the Administration to consult with the Board of Directors of the
 14 foundation on certain matters, including a schedule for the transfer of certain
 15 revenues derived under this Act to the Foundation; providing a certain fee
 16 exemption applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to
 17 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the issuance of a special
 18 registration plate honoring Maryland African American history and culture and
 19 benefitting the African-American Museum Foundation, Inc.

20 BY adding to

21 Article - Transportation
 22 Section 13-619.3
 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
 24 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

26 Article - Transportation
 27 Section 13-903(d)
 28 Annotated Code of Maryland
 29 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 13-619.3.

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) "FOUNDATION" MEANS THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM
8 FOUNDATION, INC., A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION OF THE REGINALD F. LEWIS
9 MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

10 (3) "MUSEUM" MEANS THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND
11 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

12 (B) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
13 FOUNDATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
14 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING
15 MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

16 (C) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A
17 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR
18 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE
19 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
20 ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF
21 THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

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

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

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

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

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

28 (D) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
29 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION
30 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

31 (I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A FEE SET
32 BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS
33 SECTION; AND

1 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE AND EACH
2 TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, A FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION
3 TO BENEFIT THE FOUNDATION.

4 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
5 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
6 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

7 (3) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE
8 USED TO OFFSET ANY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION.

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

12 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
13 OF THE FOUNDATION ON:

14 (1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS
15 SECTION TO HONOR MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE;

16 (2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION
17 (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF
18 THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A
19 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE FOUNDATION; AND

20 (3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER
21 TO THE FOUNDATION REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION.

22 (F) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE
23 ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 13-903.

25 (d) A disabled veteran whose vehicle is eligible for exemption under subsection
26 (a)(8) of this section may, if eligible, receive the special registration number and
27 special registration plates provided under § 13-616, § 13-617, § 13-618, § 13-619, §
28 13-619.1, [or] § 13-619.2, OR § 13-619.3 of this title without payment of the
29 registration fees specified in this subtitle.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2005.