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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Registration Plate Covers - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "registration plate cover" for purposes of
4 certain provisions of law that prohibit the use, sale, offering for sale, or
5 advertisement of registration plate covers; and generally relating to registration
6 plate covers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 13-411(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 13-411.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 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 13-411.

21 (c) At all times, each registration plate shall be:

22 (1) Maintained free from foreign materials, including registration plate
23 covers as defined in § 13-411.1 of this subtitle, and in a condition to be clearly legible;
24 and

25 (2) Securely fastened to the vehicle for which it is issued:

26 (i) In a horizontal position;

1 (ii) In a manner that prevents the plate from swinging; and

2 (iii) In a place and position to be clearly visible.

3 13-411.1.

4 (a) In this section, "registration plate cover" means any tinted, colored,
5 painted, marked, clear, or illuminated object that is designed OR FUNCTIONS to:

6 (1) [Cover] OBSCURE OR BLOCK any of the characters of a vehicle's
7 registration plate; or

8 (2) Distort a recorded image of any of the characters of a vehicle's
9 registration plate recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system under §
10 21-202.1 of this title.

11 (b) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration plate cover.

12 (c) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting the sale of
13 registration plate covers.

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