
By: **Garrett, Allegany, and Washington County Delegations**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Registration Plates Honoring Mountain Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
4 available a specially designed registration plate honoring Mountain Maryland;
5 specifying the vehicles that are eligible for the registration plate; requiring the
6 owner of a vehicle issued the registration plate to pay certain fees; providing for
7 the distribution of a certain fee; requiring the Administration to consult with the
8 Greater Allegany Business Foundation and the Garrett County Economic
9 Development Corporation on certain matters; requiring the Administration to
10 adopt regulations; and generally relating to registration plates honoring
11 Mountain Maryland.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Transportation

14 Section 13-619.3

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 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) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS
22 FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
23 CORPORATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
24 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING
25 THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MOUNTAIN MARYLAND,
26 COMPRISING ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES.

27 (B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A
28 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR
29 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE

1 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL
2 OR SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS
3 INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

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

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

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

8 (4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;

9 (5) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

10 (6) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

11 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION
13 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

14 (I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A
15 ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S
16 COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

17 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND
18 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY
19 THE ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS
20 FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
21 CORPORATION.

22 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
23 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
24 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

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

28 (D) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
29 DISTRIBUTED:

30 (1) IF THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF ALLEGANY
31 COUNTY, TO THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS FOUNDATION;

32 (2) IF THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF GARRETT
33 COUNTY, TO THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND

34 (3) IF THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE IS NOT A RESIDENT OF GARRETT
35 COUNTY OR ALLEGANY COUNTY, IN EQUAL PORTIONS, TO THE GREATER ALLEGANY

1 BUSINESS FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2 CORPORATION.

3 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE GREATER ALLEGANY
4 BUSINESS FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 CORPORATION ON:

6 (1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS
7 SECTION TO HONOR THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
8 MOUNTAIN MARYLAND;

9 (2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION
10 (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF
11 THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A
12 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS
13 FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
14 CORPORATION; AND

15 (3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER
16 TO THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY
17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REVENUE COLLECTED ON THEIR BEHALF.

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2006.