
By: **Delegate Goodwin**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates for Class B (For Hire) Vehicles -**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a Class B (for hire) vehicle is not eligible for
5 certain special motor vehicle registration plates; providing that certain special
6 registration plates issued for a Class B (for hire) vehicle before the effective date
7 of this Act shall remain valid until the regular expiration of the registration;
8 providing that the Motor Vehicle Administration is not required to reclaim any
9 special registration plates or issue replacement plates for a vehicle as a result of
10 this Act until the expiration of the vehicle's current registration plates; and
11 generally relating to special motor vehicle registration plates.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 13-618(a) and 13-619.2(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 13-618(b) and 13-619.2(b)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 13-618.

26 (a) The Administration may issue special commemorative original or
27 substitute registration plates for any geographical, historical, natural resource, or
28 environmental commemoration of statewide significance.

1 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended
2 as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns
3 the vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration
4 for the assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this section if the
5 vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

- 6 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- 7 (2) [A Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- 8 (3)] A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one
9 ton or less;
- 10 [(4)] (3) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or
- 11 [(5)] (4) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

12 13-619.2.

13 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation,
14 Inc. the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a
15 specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

16 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended
17 as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns
18 the vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration
19 for an original or substitute registration plate under this section if the vehicle is
20 included in one of the following classes:

- 21 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- 22 (2) [A Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- 23 (3)] A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one
24 ton or less;
- 25 [(4)] (3) A Class E (farm truck) vehicle;
- 26 [(5)] (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or
- 27 [(6)] (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That special registration
29 plates issued for a Class B (for hire) vehicle under § 13-618 or § 13-619.2 of the
30 Transportation Article before the effective date of this Act shall remain valid until the
31 regular expiration of the vehicle's registration and the Motor Vehicle Administration
32 is not required to reclaim any special registration plates or issue replacement plates
33 for a vehicle as a result of this Act until the regular expiration of the vehicle's current
34 registration plates.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2006.