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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Crime Victims' Rights Commemorative Registration Plate**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
4 available a specially designed registration plate promoting awareness of and
5 support for victims of crimes; prescribing who may apply for and the classes of
6 vehicles eligible for the registration plate; providing the manner in which fees
7 will be established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration
8 plate; requiring the Administration to consult with the Maryland Crime Victims'
9 Resource Center, Inc. on certain matters; providing a certain fee exemption
10 applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to adopt certain
11 regulations; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the
12 effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and
13 generally relating to the issuance of a special registration plate promoting
14 awareness of and support for victims of crimes.

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 13-619.3
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article - Transportation
22 Section 13-903(d)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 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 2005 Supplement)

1 (As enacted by Chapter 251 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

4 **Article - Transportation**

5 13-619.3.

6 (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE
7 CENTER, INC., THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
8 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE PROMOTING
9 AWARENESS OF AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES.

10 (B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A
11 LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR
12 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE
13 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL
14 OR SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS
15 INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND
30 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY
31 THE ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE
32 CENTER, INC.

33 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
34 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
35 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

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

4 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND CRIME
5 VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER, INC. ON:

6 (1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS
7 SECTION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES;

8 (2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION
9 (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF
10 THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE PROVIDING A
11 CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS'
12 RESOURCE CENTER, INC.; AND

13 (3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER
14 TO THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER, INC. REVENUE COLLECTED
15 ON THE CENTER'S BEHALF.

16 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE
17 ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
19 read as follows:

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Article - Transportation

21 13-903.

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

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
28 read as follows:

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Article - Transportation

30 13-903.

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

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
2 General Assembly that the Motor Vehicle Administration shall work with the
3 Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. on the development of a special
4 registration plate described under Section 1 of this Act and make the plate available
5 to the public at the earliest date practicable, but not later than July 1, 2007.

6 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall
7 take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 3 of
8 Chapter 251 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000. If that termination provision
9 takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
10 This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

11 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
12 of Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective
13 for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action
14 required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force
15 and effect.