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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Registration - Show Class Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register show
4 class vehicles; defining "show class vehicle"; authorizing the Administration to
5 set the annual fee for show class vehicles under a certain standard; establishing
6 the Show Class Vehicle Volunteer Review Board; requiring the Review Board to
7 establish an application process for show class vehicle registration, subject to
8 the approval of the Motor Vehicle Administrator, approve or deny registration
9 applications for show class vehicles, and verify the mileage of show class
10 vehicles at certain time intervals; providing for the membership, chairmanship,
11 and staffing for the Review Board; prohibiting members of the Review Board
12 from receiving certain compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of
13 certain expenses; prohibiting a show class vehicle from being driven more than
14 a certain number of miles during a registration year; requiring the
15 Administration to suspend or revoke the registration of a show class vehicle that
16 exceeds the annual mileage limit; requiring an applicant for a show class vehicle
17 to make certain certifications; requiring the Administration to design and issue
18 a special registration plate for show class vehicles; providing that equipment
19 standards do not apply to show class vehicles; exempting show class vehicles
20 from certain inspection, emission, and sound level requirements; requiring the
21 Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the
22 registration of show class vehicles.

23 BY adding to

24 Article - Transportation

25 Section 13-937.2

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

29 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Transportation**

2 13-937.2.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SHOW CLASS VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE
4 THAT:

5 (1) HAS DECORATIVE FEATURES OR ALTERATIONS; AND

6 (2) IS USED PRIMARILY FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SHOWS,
7 REPAIR FACILITIES, PARADES, HOLIDAY OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, OR SIMILAR USES.8 (B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION,
9 EVERY SHOW CLASS VEHICLE IS A CLASS O (SHOW CLASS) VEHICLE.10 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR A
11 CLASS O (SHOW CLASS) VEHICLE IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COVER THE COSTS
12 OF REGISTERING THE SHOW CLASS VEHICLE.

13 (D) (1) THERE IS A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE VOLUNTEER REVIEW BOARD.

14 (2) THE REVIEW BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

15 (I) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, APPOINTED BY THE
16 ADMINISTRATOR;17 (II) ONE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN, APPOINTED BY THE
18 ADMINISTRATOR; AND19 (III) ONE MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE,
20 AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF
21 STATE POLICE.22 (3) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
23 MEMBERS.

24 (4) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL STAFF THE REVIEW BOARD.

25 (5) A MEMBER OF THE REVIEW BOARD:

26 (I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

27 (II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
28 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

29 (6) (I) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL:

30 1. ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE
31 REGISTRATION OF SHOW CLASS VEHICLES, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE
32 APPLICANT SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FRONT, REAR, AND SIDE OF THE SHOW
33 CLASS VEHICLE;

1 2. APPROVE OR DENY APPLICATIONS FOR THE
2 REGISTRATION OF SHOW CLASS VEHICLES; AND

3 3. VERIFY THE MILEAGE OF EACH SHOW CLASS VEHICLE
4 EVERY 6 MONTHS.

5 (II) AN APPLICATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE REVIEW
6 BOARD IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

7 (E) (1) A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE MAY NOT BE DRIVEN MORE THAN 5,000
8 MILES IN ANY REGISTRATION YEAR.

9 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE
10 REGISTRATION OF A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE THAT IS DRIVEN MORE THAN 5,000 MILES
11 IN A REGISTRATION YEAR.

12 (F) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE, THE OWNER
13 OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT
14 THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:

15 (1) WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR USE IN SHOWS, PARADES, HOLIDAY OR
16 WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, OR SIMILAR USES;

17 (2) WILL NOT BE USED:

18 (I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR

19 (II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR
20 PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS; AND

21 (3) WILL NOT BE DRIVEN MORE THAN 5,000 MILES IN ANY
22 REGISTRATION YEAR.

23 (G) ON REGISTRATION OF A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE, THE ADMINISTRATION
24 SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL SHOW CLASS VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE
25 AND DESIGN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES.

26 (H) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
27 PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF
28 A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE.

29 (I) A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY STATUTE THAT REQUIRES:

30 (1) PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS;

31 (2) THE USE OR INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS; OR

32 (3) MAXIMUM SOUND LEVEL LIMITS.

33 (J) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
34 SECTION.

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