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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 to the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the
8 Administration to consult with the Greater Allegany Business Foundation, the
9 Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the
10 Garrett County Economic Development Corporation on the design of the
11 registration plate; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations;
12 and generally relating to registration plates honoring Mountain Maryland.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 13-619.3
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 13-619.3.

22 (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS
23 FOUNDATION, THE HAGERSTOWN-WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION AND
24 VISITORS BUREAU, AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
25 CORPORATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
26 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING
27 THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MOUNTAIN MARYLAND,
28 COMPRISING ALLEGANY, WASHINGTON, AND GARRETT COUNTIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, AND
21 EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY
22 THE ADMINISTRATION.

23 (2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
24 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
25 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

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

29 (D) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
30 DISTRIBUTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

31 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE GREATER ALLEGANY
32 BUSINESS FOUNDATION, THE HAGERSTOWN-WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION
33 AND VISITORS BUREAU, AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
34 CORPORATION ON THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER
35 THIS SECTION TO HONOR THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
36 MOUNTAIN MARYLAND.

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

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