

# HOUSE BILL 729

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Fees – Discount for Seniors and Individuals with**  
3 **Disabilities**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that for the renewal of a motor vehicle registration a  
5 certain annual registration fee for the motor vehicle shall be reduced by a  
6 certain percentage for disabled individuals and individuals over a certain age if  
7 all owners of the vehicle meet certain requirements and the vehicle is driven  
8 less than a certain number of miles annually; requiring individuals to certify  
9 certain information to qualify for a fee reduction under this Act; requiring a  
10 certain certification to be made on a form provided by the Motor Vehicle  
11 Administration; providing that a certain fee reduction does not apply to the first  
12 issuance of a registration to the owner of a motor vehicle after title or interest  
13 transfers to that owner; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
14 relating to vehicle registration fees.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 13–910  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **13-910.**

2 (A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE FIRST  
3 ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION TO THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER  
4 THE TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE TRANSFERS TO THAT OWNER.

5 (B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS  
6 SUBTITLE, FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE  
7 FOR WHICH SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED UNDER §  
8 **13-616** OF THIS TITLE, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE SPECIFIED IN THIS  
9 SUBTITLE SHALL BE REDUCED BY **50%** IF:

10 (I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE MEET  
11 THE DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF § **13-616(B)(1)** OF THIS TITLE;

12 (II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN **5,000** MILES OR LESS  
13 ANNUALLY;

14 (III) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
15 EACH OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DOES NOT EXCEED **\$30,000** OR  
16 **\$60,000** IN THE CASE OF MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING A JOINT RETURN; AND

17 (IV) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
18 ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMBINED DOES NOT EXCEED  
19 **\$60,000**.

20 (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEE REDUCTION UNDER THIS  
21 SUBSECTION, ALL OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL CERTIFY THE  
22 FOLLOWING:

23 (I) THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE  
24 MEET THE DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF § **13-616(B)(1)** IF THIS TITLE;

25 (II) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS BEEN ISSUED A  
26 SPECIAL DISABLED PERSON'S REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL  
27 REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER § **13-616(B)** OF THIS TITLE;

28 (III) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN **5,000** MILES OR  
29 LESS ANNUALLY;

1                   (IV) THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S ODOMETER READING AT THE  
2 TIME OF THE CERTIFICATION; AND

3                   (V) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
4 EACH OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

5                   (3) THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
6 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE  
7 ADMINISTRATION.

8                   (C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS  
9 SUBTITLE, FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST  
10 70 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE VEHICLE'S  
11 REGISTRATION, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE  
12 FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY 50% IF:

13                   (I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE ARE AT LEAST 70  
14 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION;

15                   (II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR LESS  
16 ANNUALLY;

17                   (III) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
18 EACH OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DOES NOT EXCEED \$30,000 OR  
19 \$60,000 IN THE CASE OF MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING A JOINT RETURN; AND

20                   (IV) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF  
21 ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMBINED DOES NOT EXCEED  
22 \$60,000.

23                   (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEE REDUCTION UNDER THIS  
24 SUBSECTION, ALL OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL CERTIFY THE  
25 FOLLOWING:

26                   (I) THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE  
27 ARE AT LEAST 70 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE RENEWAL OF THE  
28 REGISTRATION;

1                           **(II) THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN 5,000 MILES OR**  
2 **LESS ANNUALLY;**

3                           **(III) THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S ODOMETER READING AT THE**  
4 **TIME OF THE CERTIFICATION; AND**

5                           **(IV) THE ANNUAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF**  
6 **EACH OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.**

7                           **(3) THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF**  
8 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE**  
9 **ADMINISTRATION.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
11 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have  
12 any effect on or application to any registration fee paid before the effective date of this  
13 Act.

14           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2007.