

SENATE BILL 124

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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 Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland
8 Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.; requiring the Administration to
9 consult with the Greater Allegany Business Foundation and the Garrett County
10 Economic Development Corporation on certain matters; requiring the
11 Administration to adopt regulations; and generally relating to registration
12 plates honoring Mountain Maryland.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 13–619.3

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation**13-619.3.**

(A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREATER ALLEGANY BUSINESS FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MOUNTAIN MARYLAND, COMPRISING ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY.

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

(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

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

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

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

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

(6) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

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

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

1 **(II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE,**
2 **AND EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE**
3 **SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BENEFIT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND**
4 **THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

5 **(2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS**
6 **NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT**
7 **UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.**

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

11 **(D) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**
12 **DISTRIBUTED IN EQUAL PORTIONS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND THE**
13 **MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

14 **(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE GREATER**
15 **ALLEGANY BUSINESS FOUNDATION AND THE GARRETT COUNTY ECONOMIC**
16 **DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON:**

17 **(1) THE DESIGN OF A REGISTRATION PLATE TO BE ISSUED UNDER**
18 **THIS SECTION TO HONOR THE STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS**
19 **OF MOUNTAIN MARYLAND;**

20 **(2) THE SETTING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED UNDER**
21 **SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AT A LEVEL INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE**
22 **THE PURCHASE OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION**
23 **WHILE PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE TO BENEFIT THE**
24 **CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**
25 **FOUNDATION, INC.; AND**

26 **(3) A SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL**
27 **TRANSFER TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND THE MARYLAND**
28 **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. REVENUE COLLECTED ON**
29 **THEIR BEHALF.**

30 **(F) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN**
31 **THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2007.