

SENATE BILL 444

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By: **Senator Colburn**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Special Registration Plates for Veterans – Use After Vehicle**
3 **Transfer**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, a spouse may
5 continue using on a certain vehicle certain special registration plates for armed
6 forces veterans and recipients of certain armed forces medals after a transfer of
7 title or ownership interest in the vehicle; and generally relating to the use of
8 special registration plates for veterans.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–619.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 13–619.1.

18 (a) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a
19 lease not intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business
20 entity that owns the vehicle may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 special registration number and special registration plates under this section for a
2 vehicle included in one of the following classes:

3 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

4 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less
5 manufacturer's rated capacity;

6 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; or

7 (iv) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle.

8 (2) To be eligible for a special registration under subsection (c)(2)(i) of
9 this section, an applicant shall provide proof that is satisfactory to the Administration
10 that the applicant is a recipient of an individually earned, combat-related, armed
11 forces medal.

12 (3) To be eligible for a special registration under subsection (c)(2)(ii) of
13 this section, an applicant shall provide proof that is satisfactory to the Administration
14 that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces
15 of the United States.

16 (b) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under
17 this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a special registration under this section shall
18 pay a fee as determined by the Administration each time new registration plates are
19 issued for the vehicle. The fee shall be calculated to recover the costs incurred by the
20 Administration in carrying out the provisions of this section.

21 (2) The additional fee charged under this section shall be retained by
22 the Administration for the purpose of recovering the Administration's costs under this
23 section, and may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account
24 for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

25 (c) Special registration plates issued under this section:

26 (1) May consist of any combination of letters, numerals, or both; and

27 (2) Shall include:

28 (i) 1. An emblem or logo as authorized by the
29 Administration that depicts the medal; and

1 2. Except on plates issued for Class D (motorcycle)
2 vehicles, words describing the medal printed across the bottom of the plates; or

3 (ii) Words or an emblem or logo indicating that the special
4 registration plate holder is an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed
5 forces of the United States.

6 (d) (1) The Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of
7 Defense and appropriate representatives of the various branches of the armed forces,
8 shall adopt regulations specifying those armed forces medals that are of the type
9 described in subsection (a)(2) of this section and which, when awarded to an
10 individual, qualify that individual to apply for special registration under this section.

11 (2) The Administration may adopt other regulations as necessary to
12 govern the issuance of special registration numbers and special registration plates
13 under this section.

14 **(E) IF, WHETHER BY ACT OF THE PARTIES OR BY OPERATION OF LAW,
15 THE TITLE OR OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A SPECIAL
16 REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE JOINT NAMES
17 OF A HUSBAND AND WIFE TO THE INDIVIDUAL NAME OF EITHER SPOUSE, THE
18 TRANSFEREE MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE SAME SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES
19 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION ON THE VEHICLE AFTER THE TRANSFER.**

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