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By: **Senator Colburn**

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a
2 lease not intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business
3 entity that owns the vehicle may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a
4 special registration number and special registration plates under this section for a
5 vehicle included in one of the following classes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (2) Shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.