

# SENATE BILL 940

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Registration – Show Class Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register show  
4 class vehicles; defining “show class vehicle”; authorizing the Administration to  
5 set the annual fee for show class vehicles under a certain standard; establishing  
6 the Show Class Vehicle Volunteer Review Board; requiring the Review Board to  
7 establish an application process for show class vehicle registration, subject to  
8 the approval of the Motor Vehicle Administrator, approve or deny registration  
9 applications for show class vehicles, and verify the mileage of show class  
10 vehicles at a certain time interval; providing for the membership, chair, and  
11 staffing for the Review Board; prohibiting members of the Review Board from  
12 receiving certain compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain  
13 expenses; prohibiting a show class vehicle from being driven more than a  
14 certain number of miles during a registration year; requiring the  
15 Administration to suspend or revoke the registration of a show class vehicle  
16 that exceeds the annual mileage limit; requiring an applicant for a show class  
17 vehicle to make certain certifications; requiring the Administration to design  
18 and issue a special registration plate for show class vehicles; providing that  
19 equipment standards do not apply to show class vehicles; exempting show class  
20 vehicles from certain inspection, emission, and sound level requirements;  
21 requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally  
22 relating to the registration of show class vehicles.

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Transportation  
25 Section 13–937.2

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Transportation**

6 **13-937.2.**

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “SHOW CLASS VEHICLE” MEANS A MOTOR  
8 VEHICLE THAT:

9 (1) HAS DECORATIVE FEATURES OR ALTERATIONS; AND

10 (2) IS USED PRIMARILY FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM  
11 SHOWS, REPAIR FACILITIES, PARADES, HOLIDAY OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, OR  
12 SIMILAR USES.

13 (B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION,  
14 EVERY SHOW CLASS VEHICLE IS A CLASS O (SHOW CLASS) VEHICLE.

15 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE  
16 FOR A CLASS O (SHOW CLASS) VEHICLE IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COVER  
17 THE COSTS OF REGISTERING THE SHOW CLASS VEHICLE.

18 (D) (1) THERE IS A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE VOLUNTEER REVIEW  
19 BOARD.

20 (2) THE REVIEW BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING  
21 MEMBERS:

22 (I) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, APPOINTED  
23 BY THE ADMINISTRATOR;

24 (II) ONE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN, APPOINTED BY THE  
25 ADMINISTRATOR; AND

1                   **(III) ONE MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
2 **POLICE, AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, APPOINTED BY THE**  
3 **SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE.**

4                   **(3) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS**  
5 **MEMBERS.**

6                   **(4) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL STAFF THE REVIEW BOARD.**

7                   **(5) A MEMBER OF THE REVIEW BOARD:**

8                   **(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF**  
9 **THE REVIEW BOARD; BUT**

10                   **(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES**  
11 **UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE**  
12 **STATE BUDGET.**

13                   **(6) (I) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL:**

14                                 **1. ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE**  
15 **REGISTRATION OF SHOW CLASS VEHICLES, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT**  
16 **THE APPLICANT SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FRONT, REAR, AND SIDE OF THE**  
17 **SHOW CLASS VEHICLE;**

18                                 **2. APPROVE OR DENY APPLICATIONS FOR THE**  
19 **REGISTRATION OF SHOW CLASS VEHICLES; AND**

20                                 **3. VERIFY THE MILEAGE OF EACH SHOW CLASS**  
21 **VEHICLE ANNUALLY.**

22                   **(II) AN APPLICATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
23 **REVIEW BOARD IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

24                   **(E) (1) A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE MAY NOT BE DRIVEN MORE THAN**  
25 **5,000 MILES IN ANY REGISTRATION YEAR.**

1           **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE**  
2 **REGISTRATION OF A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE THAT IS DRIVEN MORE THAN 5,000**  
3 **MILES IN A REGISTRATION YEAR.**

4           **(F) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE, THE**  
5 **OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A**  
6 **CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:**

7                   **(1) WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR USE IN SHOWS, PARADES, HOLIDAY**  
8 **OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, OR SIMILAR USES;**

9                   **(2) WILL NOT BE USED:**

10                           **(I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR**

11                                   **(II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF**  
12 **PASSENGERS OR PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS; AND**

13                   **(3) WILL NOT BE DRIVEN MORE THAN 5,000 MILES IN ANY**  
14 **REGISTRATION YEAR.**

15           **(G) ON REGISTRATION OF A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE, THE**  
16 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL SHOW CLASS VEHICLE**  
17 **REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION**  
18 **DETERMINES.**

19           **(H) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE**  
20 **PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE**  
21 **OPERATION OF A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE.**

22           **(I) A SHOW CLASS VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY STATUTE THAT**  
23 **REQUIRES:**

24                   **(1) PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS;**

25                   **(2) THE USE OR INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS; OR**

26                   **(3) MAXIMUM SOUND LEVEL LIMITS.**

1           **(J) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**  
2 **THIS SECTION.**

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