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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special and Commemorative Registration Plates – Sunset**
3 **Provisions**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay
5 Commemorative License Plate and the special registration plate honoring State
6 agriculture; repealing the termination date for certain provisions related to the
7 design of and the renewal fees for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License
8 Plate; and generally relating to special and commemorative registration plates
9 for motor vehicles.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 13–618 and 13–619.2(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the First Special Session of
17 1992, as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
18 1994, Chapter 356 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996, Chapter
19 141 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, Chapter 340 of the Acts

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 of the General Assembly of 2000, Chapter 34 of the Acts of the General
2 Assembly of 2002, and Chapter 398 of the Acts of the General Assembly
3 of 2003

4 Section 3

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Chapter 251 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, as amended by
7 Chapter 398 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003
8 Section 3

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10 Chapter 398 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003
11 Section 3

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 13–618.

16 (a) The Administration may issue special commemorative original or
17 substitute registration plates for any geographical, historical, natural resource, or
18 environmental commemoration of statewide significance.

19 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not
20 intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity
21 that owns the vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the
22 Administration for the assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this
23 section if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

24 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

25 (2) A Class B (for hire) vehicle;

26 (3) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of
27 one ton or less;

28 (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or

29 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

1 (c) (1) An original or substitute commemorative plate may only be issued
2 under this section for a fixed period of 2 consecutive years after its initial issuance.

3 (2) The Administration may only issue 1 commemorative plate under
4 this section at any one time.

5 (d) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under
6 this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a commemorative registration plate under
7 this section shall pay:

8 (i) An additional initial registration fee set by the
9 Administration when the new registration plates are issued to the vehicle under this
10 section; or

11 (ii) An additional renewal fee set by the Administration each
12 time the plate is renewed.

13 (2) (i) The Administration shall set the additional initial
14 registration fee at a level that will enable the Administration to recover its costs under
15 this section.

16 (ii) The Administration may set the additional initial
17 registration fee at a level that is sufficient to result in a surplus after costs are
18 subtracted.

19 (iii) The Administration shall retain a portion of the additional
20 initial registration fee that is sufficient to allow the Administration to recover any
21 costs of issuing and distributing commemorative plates under this section.

22 (iv) Any surplus moneys remaining after the Administration has
23 recovered the costs of issuing a commemorative plate under this section and moneys
24 collected for additional renewal fees may not be retained by or transferred to any
25 agency of the State for any purpose.

26 (v) Notwithstanding subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the
27 surplus moneys and moneys collected for additional renewal fees may be retained for
28 the purpose described in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

29 (3) The surplus moneys and moneys collected for additional renewal
30 fees shall be disbursed by the Administration to a nonprofit organization that is:

31 (i) Closely related to the geographical, historical, natural
32 resource, or environmental theme which the plate commemorates; and

1 (ii) Designated by the Administration under subsection (e) of
2 this section.

3 (4) No portion of the additional initial registration or renewal fees may
4 be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under
5 § 8–403 or § 8–404 of this article.

6 (e) (1) The Administration shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with
7 the Maryland Vehicle Law to govern the issuance of special registration plates under
8 this section.

9 (2) Before designating any nonprofit organization to receive any
10 surplus moneys or moneys collected for additional renewal fees and before distributing
11 the moneys to any nonprofit organization, the Administration shall adopt regulations
12 specific to each new commemorative plate detailing:

13 (i) The name and nature of the nonprofit organization receiving
14 the money;

15 (ii) The relationship of the nonprofit organization to the
16 geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which the plate
17 commemorates; and

18 (iii) The plan of distribution of the funds.

19 (3) The Administration shall consult with the nonprofit organization
20 designated to receive moneys under this section to establish a schedule under which
21 the Administration will transfer to the nonprofit organization revenue collected on
22 behalf of the nonprofit organization under this section.

23 (f) The additional fees to the annual registration fee required by this section
24 are not required for special registration of a vehicle that is exempt under § 13–903 of
25 this title, or a vehicle with a special registration plate recognizing:

26 (1) The Maryland National Guard; or

27 (2) A volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer
28 ambulance company in this State.

29 (g) (1) A special registration number as specified by the Administration
30 and assigned under this section may consist of:

1 (i) Any combination of:

2 1. Letters; and

3 2. Numerals; and

4 (ii) Any design approved by the Administration that adequately
5 reflects the geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which
6 the plate commemorates.

7 (2) A special registration number or design assigned under this section
8 shall be displayed on the registration plates for the vehicle.

9 (3) The Administration shall consult with the nonprofit organization
10 designated to receive moneys under this section with respect to any design of the
11 Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate.

12 13–619.2.

13 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation,
14 Inc. the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a
15 specially designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

16 **Chapter 3 of the Acts of the First Special Session of 1992, as amended by**
17 **Chapter 91 of the Acts of 1994, Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1996, Chapter 141 of**
18 **the Acts of 1998, Chapter 340 of the Acts of 2000, Chapter 34 of the Acts of**
19 **2002, and Chapter 398 of the Acts of 2003**

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the
21 provisions of § 13–618(c) of the Transportation Article, the Motor Vehicle
22 Administration shall extend the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Plate Program until
23 July 1, [2008] **2013**.

24 **Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2000, as amended by Chapter 398 of the Acts of**
25 **2003**

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of [8] **13** years and, at the end of
28 June 30, [2008] **2013**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
29 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

30 **Chapter 398 of the Acts of 2003**

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2003. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
3 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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