

SENATE BILL 701

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Stolen Registration Plates, Registration Card, or Validation**
3 **Tabs – Waiver of Fee for Replacement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to waive the fee for
5 certain replacement registration plates, replacement registration cards, or
6 replacement validation tabs if the registration plates, registration card, or
7 affixed validation tabs were stolen and the owner of the vehicle submits proof
8 that a police report regarding the theft was filed in a timely manner; making a
9 certain technical correction; and generally relating to the fee for replacement of
10 registration plates, registration cards, and validation tabs.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–415(d) through (g)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 13–952
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 13–415.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) (1) If a current registration plate is lost, the owner of the vehicle for
2 which the registration was issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary
3 number plate bearing the vehicle's registration number.

4 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the
5 same manner as provided in this subtitle for the registration plate.

6 (e) (1) If a current registration plate is stolen, the owner of the vehicle for
7 which the registration was issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary
8 number plate bearing the vehicle's registration number.

9 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the
10 same manner as provided in this subtitle for the registration plate.

11 (f) (1) If a current registration plate is damaged to the extent that the
12 registration plate is illegible, the owner of the vehicle for which the registration was
13 issued immediately shall place on the vehicle a temporary number plate bearing the
14 vehicle's registration number.

15 (2) The temporary plate shall be displayed as nearly as possible in the
16 same manner as provided in this subtitle for the registration plate.

17 (g) Within 48 hours after the loss, theft, or damage to the extent of
18 illegibility of any current registration plate or any current validation tab that has been
19 affixed to a registration plate, the owner of the vehicle for which the plate or tab was
20 issued or the legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title of the
21 vehicle, as shown by the records of the Administration, shall notify the Administration
22 and apply for replacement registration plates, a replacement registration card, and
23 replacement validation tabs. The Administration shall supply the replacements on
24 receiving information satisfactory to it and payment of the required fee.

25 13-952.

26 (a) **[For] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR** the
27 issuance of replacement registration plates, a replacement registration card, and
28 replacement validation tabs, issued under [§ 13-415(d) through (f)] § **13-415(G)** of
29 this title to replace a lost, stolen, or damaged registration plate or an affixed
30 validation tab, the fee shall be established by the Administration.

31 (b) **[For] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR** the
32 issuance of replacement registration plates issued under Subtitle 6, Part II of this
33 title, the fee shall be as established by the Administration.

34 (c) **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL WAIVE THE FEE FOR REPLACEMENT**
35 **REGISTRATION PLATES, A REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION CARD, REPLACEMENT**
36 **VALIDATION TABS, OR REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER**
37 **SUBTITLE 6, PART II OF THIS TITLE, IF:**

1 **(1) THE REGISTRATION PLATES, REGISTRATION CARD, OR**
2 **AFFIXED VALIDATION TABS WERE STOLEN; AND**

3 **(2) THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SUBMITS PROOF THAT A POLICE**
4 **REPORT REGARDING THE THEFT WAS FILED IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2009.