

HOUSE BILL 310

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By: **Delegate Frush**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Registration Plate Covers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “registration plate cover” that applies to
4 certain prohibited acts to exclude clear covers and certain covers that do not
5 obscure or block any of the characters of the registration plate, and to include
6 certain covers that function to obscure or block any characters of the
7 registration plate.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 13–411(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13–411.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 13–411.

22 (c) At all times, each registration plate shall be:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Maintained free from foreign materials, including registration
2 plate covers as defined in § 13-411.1 of this subtitle, and in a condition to be clearly
3 legible; and

4 (2) Securely fastened to the vehicle for which it is issued:

5 (i) In a horizontal position;

6 (ii) In a manner that prevents the plate from swinging; and

7 (iii) In a place and position to be clearly visible.

8 13-411.1.

9 (a) In this section, “registration plate cover” means any tinted, colored,
10 painted, marked, [clear,] or illuminated object that is designed **OR FUNCTIONS** to:

11 (1) [Cover] **OBSCURE OR BLOCK** any of the characters of a vehicle’s
12 registration plate; or

13 (2) Distort a recorded image of any of the characters of a vehicle’s
14 registration plate recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system under
15 § 21-202.1 of this article.

16 (b) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration plate cover.

17 (c) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting the sale of
18 registration plate covers.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2011.