

Chapter 274

(Senate Bill 689)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Dealers – Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate – Lapsed Security – Registration

FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed motor vehicle dealer to issue a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer who is subject to a penalty for lapsed security; establishing an exception for certain vehicles to the prohibition against the Motor Vehicle Administration issuing a new registration if the vehicle owner is subject to a penalty for lapsed security; making a certain technical correction; and generally relating to registration of a motor vehicle owned by a person who is subject to a penalty for lapsed security.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–602 and 17–106(e)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 17–104(a) and 17–106(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–602.

(a) (1) **(I)** Subject to the provisions of this part, a licensed dealer may issue one temporary registration plate for a vehicle to the person who buys the vehicle from the dealer, whether or not the vehicle is to be registered in this State.

~~[(2)]~~ **(II)** The dealer may not issue more than one temporary registration for any vehicle.

(2) A LICENSED DEALER MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATE TO A VEHICLE BUYER WHO IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY

FOR LAPSED SECURITY FOR ANOTHER VEHICLE UNDER § 17-106 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) Before a temporary registration plate may be issued for a vehicle, the buyer of the vehicle shall complete and deliver to the dealer a temporary registration plate application, on the form that the Administration requires.

(c) On the same day that a dealer issues a temporary registration plate for a vehicle, the dealer shall:

(1) Send to the Administration a copy of the temporary registration plate application completed by the buyer of the vehicle; and

(2) Electronically transmit to the Administration, in the format that the Administration requires, the vehicle, owner, insurance, and temporary registration information contained on the temporary registration plate application.

17-104.

(a) The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Administration that the required security is in effect.

17-106.

(a) If the required security for any vehicle lapses at any time, the registration of that vehicle:

(1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of the lapse effective not later than 60 days after notification to the Administration that the lapse has occurred; and

(2) Remains suspended until:

(i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and certified by an insurer or insurance producer; and

(ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the Administration.

(e) (3) If the Administration assesses a vehicle owner or co-owner with a penalty under this subsection, the Administration may not take any of the following actions until the penalty is paid:

(i) Reinstate a registration suspended under this subsection;

(ii) [Issue] **EXCEPT FOR A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION AS PROVIDED UNDER § 13-602(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE, ISSUE** a new registration for any vehicle that is owned or co-owned by that person and is titled after the violation date; or

(iii) Renew a registration for a vehicle that is owned or co-owned by that person [and is titled after the violation date].

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

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.