

# HOUSE BILL 1203

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By: **Delegate Beidle**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Registration – Class S (Drivers' School) Vehicle**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class S motor vehicle registration classification for motor  
4 vehicles used by a drivers' school to give highway driving instruction; establishing  
5 certain annual registration fees for Class S (drivers' school) vehicles; providing for  
6 the issuance of special Class S (drivers' school) registration plates by the Motor  
7 Vehicle Administration; requiring an owner of a Class S (drivers' school) vehicle to  
8 pay a certain registration surcharge; requiring licensed drivers' schools to use Class  
9 S (drivers' school) vehicles to give highway driving instruction; and generally  
10 relating to Class S (drivers' school) vehicles.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 13–939.3

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 13–954 and 15–708

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 15–701 and 15–702

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Transportation**

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2 **13-939.3.**

3       **(A) WHEN REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, EVERY MOTOR**  
4 **VEHICLE USED BY A DRIVERS' SCHOOL TO GIVE HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION IS**  
5 **A CLASS S (DRIVERS' SCHOOL) VEHICLE.**

6       **(B) FOR EACH CLASS S (DRIVERS' SCHOOL) VEHICLE, THE ANNUAL**  
7 **REGISTRATION FEE IS:**

8               **(1) FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S SHIPPING WEIGHT OF**  
9 **3,700 POUNDS OR LESS — \$50.50; AND**

10               **(2) FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S SHIPPING WEIGHT OF**  
11 **MORE THAN 3,700 POUNDS — \$76.50.**

12       **(C) ON REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**  
13 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL CLASS S (DRIVERS' SCHOOL)**  
14 **REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION**  
15 **DETERMINES.**

16 13-954.

17       (a) In this section, "motor vehicle" means a:

18               (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

19               (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;

20               (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;

21               (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;

22               (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;

23               (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;

24               (7) Class H (school) vehicle;

25               (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;

26               (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;

1 (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;

2 (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle;

3 (12) Class R (low speed) vehicle; [or]

4 **(13) CLASS S (DRIVERS' SCHOOL) VEHICLE; OR**

5 **[(13)] (14)** Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

6 (b) (1) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the  
7 owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of \$17.00 per  
8 year for each motor vehicle registered.

9 (2) \$2.50 of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
10 shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund established under §  
11 19–130 of the Health – General Article.

12 15–701.

13 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

14 (b) (1) “Drivers’ school” means, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
15 subsection, any person in the business of giving instruction in the driving of motor vehicles.

16 (2) “Drivers’ school” does not include:

17 (i) Any public school or other noncollegiate educational institution  
18 giving instruction in the driving of motor vehicles during its normal school hours and not  
19 charging a fee for this instruction; or

20 (ii) Any college, university, or other institution of postsecondary  
21 education approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

22 (c) “License” means a drivers’ school license issued by the Administration under  
23 this subtitle.

24 15–702.

25 A person may not conduct a drivers’ school unless the person is licensed by the  
26 Administration under this subtitle.

27 15–708.

28 Each licensee [shall]:

1                   **(1) MAY USE ONLY A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED AS A CLASS S**  
2 **(DRIVERS' SCHOOL) VEHICLE TO GIVE HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION; AND**

3                   **(2) SHALL** maintain all vehicles used for instruction in the condition that  
4 the Administration requires.

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2015.