

# SENATE BILL 274

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Retired Law Enforcement Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make  
4 available for certain vehicles a special registration plate honoring retired law  
5 enforcement officers; specifying who may apply for and the classes of vehicles eligible  
6 for the special registration plate; specifying eligibility requirements for an applicant  
7 for a special registration plate issued under this Act; requiring certain owners of  
8 vehicles assigned a special registration plate under this Act to pay certain fees;  
9 requiring a special registration plate issued under this Act to contain certain words  
10 or graphics; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the  
11 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a special registration plate honoring  
12 retired law enforcement officers.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 13–619.4

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **13–619.4.**

22 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR**  
23 **QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE HONORING**  
24 **RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) (1) THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE**  
2 **UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN**  
3 **EMPLOYEE, OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE MAY**  
4 **APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SPECIAL**  
5 **REGISTRATION NUMBER AND A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS**  
6 **SECTION FOR A VEHICLE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

7                   **(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

8                   **(II) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;**

9                   **(III) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A ONE TON OR LESS**  
10 **MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY; OR**

11                   **(IV) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

12           **(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED**  
13 **UNDER THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE**  
14 **APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT**  
15 **RETIRED FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN GOOD STANDING.**

16           **(C) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**  
17 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A SPECIAL**  
18 **REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED**  
19 **THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE AND EACH TIME THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION**  
20 **PLATE IS RENEWED:**

21                   **(1) A FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE**  
22 **ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

23                   **(2) A FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE CREDITED TO THE**  
24 **GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER §**  
25 **8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

26           **(D) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL**  
27 **INCLUDE WORDS OR A GRAPHIC DESIGN HONORING RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
28 **OFFICERS.**

29           **(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
30 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

31           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2016.