

# HOUSE BILL 1265

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By: **Delegate P. Young**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Special Plates for Honorably Discharged Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and issue special  
4 registration plates for honorably discharged veterans of a branch of the armed forces  
5 of the United States; specifying who may apply and the classes of vehicles eligible  
6 for the special registration plates; establishing the manner in which certain fees will  
7 be established, retained, and credited in connection with the special registration  
8 plates; specifying the contents of the special registration plates; requiring the  
9 Administration to adopt certain regulations; altering the composition of the  
10 Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and generally relating to the issuance of special  
11 registration plates for honorably discharged veterans of a branch of the armed forces  
12 of the United States.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 9–913(e)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – State Government  
20 Section 9–913(g)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Transportation  
25 Section 13–619.4  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 9–913.

5 (e) (1) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust established for the purpose of  
6 providing monetary and other assistance to:

7 (i) veterans and their families; and

8 (ii) public and private programs that support veterans and their  
9 families.

10 (2) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

11 (g) The Fund consists of:

12 (1) gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9–914.2(a)(1) of this  
13 subtitle; and

14 (2) contributions to the Fund from:

15 (i) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under §  
16 9–112(d) of this title; [and]

17 (ii) the donations from video lottery facility players under §  
18 9–1A–04(d)(19) of this article; AND

19 **(III) THE DESIGNATED FEES FROM SPECIAL REGISTRATION**  
20 **PLATES FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED**  
21 **FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER § 13–619.4 OF THE TRANSPORTATION**  
22 **ARTICLE.**

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 **13–619.4.**

25 **(A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND ISSUE SPECIAL**  
26 **REGISTRATION PLATES FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF A BRANCH OF**  
27 **THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

28 **(2) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER**  
29 **A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE,**  
30 **OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED**

1 ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE  
2 ASSIGNMENT OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE  
3 VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

4 (I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

5 (II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S  
6 RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;

7 (III) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR

8 (IV) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

9 (3) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER  
10 THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF THAT IS SATISFACTORY  
11 TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED  
12 VETERAN OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

13 (B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE  
14 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A SPECIAL  
15 REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

16 (I) AN ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE  
17 ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED TO THE  
18 VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

19 (II) AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE  
20 ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME THE PLATE IS RENEWED.

21 (2) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL  
22 REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT:

23 1. WILL ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER  
24 ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

25 2. IS SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A SURPLUS AFTER  
26 COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED.

27 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN A PORTION OF THE  
28 ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE  
29 ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ANY COSTS OF ISSUING AND DISTRIBUTING SPECIAL  
30 REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

1                   **(III) ANY SURPLUS MONEY REMAINING AFTER THE**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOVERED THE COSTS OF ISSUING A SPECIAL PLATE UNDER**  
3 **THIS SECTION AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES MAY NOT**  
4 **BE RETAINED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE FOR ANY**  
5 **PURPOSE.**

6                   **(IV) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**  
7 **PARAGRAPH, THE SURPLUS MONEY AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL**  
8 **RENEWAL FEES SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**  
9 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-913 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

10                   **(3) NO PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION OR**  
11 **RENEWAL FEES MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE**  
12 **REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS**  
13 **ARTICLE.**

14                   **(C) ANY FEE THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE**  
15 **REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A**  
16 **VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.**

17                   **(D) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:**

18                   **(1) MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF LETTERS, NUMERALS, OR**  
19 **BOTH; AND**

20                   **(2) SHALL INCLUDE WORDS OR AN EMBLEM OR LOGO INDICATING**  
21 **THAT THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE HOLDER IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED**  
22 **VETERAN OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

23                   **(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NOT**  
24 **INCONSISTENT WITH THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF**  
25 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

26                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2018.