

SENATE BILL 842

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By: **Senators Hershey and Ready**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Digital Registration Plates – Prohibited Acts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing to the owner
4 of a vehicle a digital registration plate that transmits the location of the vehicle or
5 the vehicle miles traveled for the vehicle to certain governmental units; defining
6 “digital registration plate” for purposes of this Act; and generally relating to
7 prohibited acts applicable to digital registration plates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 13–410(a) and (b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13–410(i)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 13–410.

22 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, when it registers a vehicle,
23 the Administration shall issue to the owner:

24 (i) One registration plate, if the vehicle is:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1. A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;

2 2. A Class F (tractor) vehicle;

3 3. A Class G (trailer) vehicle;

4 4. A Class L (historic) vehicle that was manufactured at least
5 50 years before the current model year; or

6 5. A Class N (street rod) vehicle that was manufactured at
7 least 50 years before the current model year; and

8 (ii) Two registration plates for every other vehicle.

9 (2) However, as to temporary registration, the Administration may provide
10 for the issuance of only one temporary registration plate for any vehicle.

11 (b) (1) Each registration plate shall display:

12 (i) The registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
13 issued; and

14 (ii) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated.

15 (2) The registration number may consist of letters, numerals, or both.

16 **(1) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DIGITAL REGISTRATION PLATE" MEANS A**
17 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE THAT WORKS DIRECTLY WITH THE VEHICLE'S**
18 **COMPUTER SYSTEM AND EMITS A WIRELESS SIGNAL TO COMMUNICATE WITH**
19 **OUTSIDE ENTITIES FOR TRACKING THE VEHICLE AND PROVIDING DIGITAL**
20 **MONITORING SERVICES.**

21 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ISSUE TO THE OWNER OF A**
22 **VEHICLE A DIGITAL REGISTRATION PLATE THAT TRANSMITS TO ANY UNIT OF STATE**
23 **OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

24 **(I) THE LOCATION OF THE VEHICLE; OR**

25 **(II) THE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FOR THE VEHICLE.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2020.