

# HOUSE BILL 1314

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By: **Delegate Mautz**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Pilot Program to Evaluate Alternative Registration Plates and**  
3 **Cards**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to conduct a pilot  
5 program to evaluate the use of alternative vehicle registration plates and cards for  
6 certain ~~electric~~ vehicles; and generally relating to alternative vehicle registration  
7 plates and cards.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 13–619.4

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 **13–619.4.**

17 **(A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO**  
18 **EVALUATE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND**  
19 **CARDS THAT ARE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **(2) SUBSECTIONS (B) THROUGH (D) OF THIS SECTION APPLY ONLY IF**  
2 **THE ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES A PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

3           **(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**  
4 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE**  
5 **ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS.**

6           **(2) THE OWNER OF A CLASS A (PASSENGER) ~~ZERO-EMISSION~~**  
7 **~~ELECTRIC~~ VEHICLE MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE**  
8 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE AND CARD.**

9           **(3) NOT MORE THAN 0.5% OF CLASS A (PASSENGER) ~~ZERO-EMISSION~~**  
10 **~~ELECTRIC~~ VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT**  
11 **PROGRAM.**

12           **(4) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A ~~ZERO-EMISSION~~**  
13 **~~ELECTRIC~~ VEHICLE OWNER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

14           **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPLETE THE PILOT PROGRAM BY JULY**  
15 **1, 2027.**

16           **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL**  
17 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
18 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND**  
19 **THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS**  
20 **OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:**

21           **(1) AN EVALUATION OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALTERNATIVE**  
22 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**  
23 **REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS; AND**

24           **(2) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY**  
25 **CHANGES NECESSARY BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2028,  
28 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
29 of no further force and effect.