A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 13–619.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–619.4.

(A) (1) The Administration may establish a pilot program to evaluate the use of alternatives to the vehicle registration plates and cards that are otherwise required under this title.

(2) Subsections (b) through (d) of this section apply only if the Administration establishes a pilot program under this subsection.

(B) (1) The Administration, in consultation with the Department of State Police, shall develop and make available
ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS.

(2) THE OWNER OF A CLASS A (PASSENGER) ZERO–EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE AND CARD.

(3) NOT MORE THAN 0.5% OF CLASS A (PASSENGER) ZERO–EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(4) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A ZERO–EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(c) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPLETE THE PILOT PROGRAM BY JULY 1, 2027.

(d) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

(1) AN EVALUATION OF COST–EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS; AND

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

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