

# SENATE BILL 866

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Vehicle Registration Plates – Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland**  
3 **Agricultural Education Foundation – Appropriation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for certain  
5 fiscal years an appropriation for the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland  
6 Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. that is calculated based on the amount of  
7 revenue collected from certain special vehicle registration plates in certain fiscal  
8 years, adjusted for inflation; and generally relating to funding for the Chesapeake  
9 Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 13–618(a) and (c)(2)(iv) and (v) and 13–619.2(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 13–618(c)(2)(vi)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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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 Article – Transportation  
 2 Section 13–619.2(d)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Transportation**

8 13–618.

9 (a) The Administration shall issue a special Chesapeake Bay Commemorative  
 10 Registration Plate.

11 (c) (2) (iv) Any surplus money remaining after the Administration has  
 12 recovered the costs of issuing a commemorative plate under this section and money  
 13 collected for additional renewal fees may not be retained by or transferred to any agency of  
 14 the State for any purpose.

15 (v) Notwithstanding subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the  
 16 surplus money and money collected for additional renewal fees shall be disbursed by the  
 17 Administration to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

18 **(VI) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND FOR EACH FISCAL**  
 19 **YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**  
 20 **AN AMOUNT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE AMOUNT**  
 21 **DISBURSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ~~IN THE THIRD~~**  
 22 **~~IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING~~ FROM FISCAL YEAR 2017 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2022,**  
 23 **ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CPI-U FOR ALL**  
 24 **URBAN CONSUMERS FOR THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA,**  
 25 **LESS THE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN**  
 26 **THE ~~SECOND~~ IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IF THE DIFFERENCE IS A**  
 27 **POSITIVE NUMBER.**

28 13–619.2.

29 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.  
 30 the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a specially  
 31 designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

32 (d) **(1)** The Administration shall consult with the Maryland Agricultural  
 33 Education Foundation, Inc. on:

34 **[(1)] (I)** The design of a registration plate to be issued under this section  
 35 to honor Maryland agriculture;

1            [(2)] (II) The setting of the fee to be charged under subsection (c)(1)(ii) of  
2 this section at a level intended to encourage the purchase of the registration plate issued  
3 under this section while providing a continuous revenue source to benefit the Foundation;  
4 and

5            [(3)] (III) A schedule under which the Administration will transfer to the  
6 Foundation revenue collected on the Foundation’s behalf.

7            (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR  
8 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN  
9 AMOUNT FOR THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.  
10 EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS  
11 SUBSECTION ~~IN THE THIRD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING~~ FROM FISCAL YEAR 2017  
12 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2022, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION BY THE CONSUMER PRICE  
13 INDEX CPI-U FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN  
14 STATISTICAL AREA, LESS THE AMOUNT DISBURSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF  
15 THIS SUBSECTION IN THE ~~SECOND~~ IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IF THE  
16 DIFFERENCE IS A POSITIVE NUMBER.

17            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.