

# SENATE BILL 867

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special and Commemorative Registration Plate – Maryland**  
3 **Heroes**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the  
5 Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, to design and issue  
6 a Maryland Heroes registration plate that features the images of Harriet Tubman  
7 and Frederick Douglass; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge  
8 certain additional registration fees related to the issuance and renewal of the  
9 Maryland Heroes registration plate and to distribute revenue from the additional  
10 registration fees in a certain manner; and generally relating to the specially designed  
11 Maryland Heroes Commemorative Registration Plate.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 13–619.4  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **13–619.4.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL MARYLAND HEROES**  
2 **COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE.**

3           **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A**  
4 **LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE,**  
5 **OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED**  
6 **ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE**  
7 **ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF**  
8 **THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

9                   **(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

10                   **(2) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED**  
11 **CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS;**

12                   **(3) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;**

13                   **(4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR**

14                   **(5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

15           **(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**  
16 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A**  
17 **COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:**

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

21                   **(II) AN ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE**  
22 **ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME THE PLATE IS RENEWED.**

23                   **(2) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL**  
24 **REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT WILL ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO**  
25 **RECOVER ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

26                   **(II) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SET THE ADDITIONAL INITIAL**  
27 **REGISTRATION FEE AT A LEVEL THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A SURPLUS**  
28 **AFTER COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED.**

29                   **(III) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN A PORTION OF THE**  
30 **ADDITIONAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE**

1 ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ANY COSTS OF ISSUING AND DISTRIBUTING  
2 COMMEMORATIVE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

8 (V) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS  
9 PARAGRAPH, THE SURPLUS MONEY AND MONEY COLLECTED FOR ADDITIONAL  
10 RENEWAL FEES SHALL BE DISBURSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE MARYLAND  
11 COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

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

16 (D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NOT  
17 INCONSISTENT WITH THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE OF  
18 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS  
19 DETAILING THE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS.

20 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND  
21 COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE TO ESTABLISH A  
22 SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRANSFER TO THE  
23 COMMISSION REVENUE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS  
24 SECTION.

25 (E) THE ADDITIONAL FEES TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED  
26 BY THIS SECTION ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE  
27 THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

28 (F) (1) A COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
29 SECTION SHALL DISPLAY:

30 (I) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE  
31 ADMINISTRATION THAT MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF:

32 1. LETTERS; AND

33 2. NUMERALS; AND

1                   **(II) A DESIGN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT:**

2                               **1. INCLUDES THE IMAGES OF HARRIET TUBMAN AND**  
3 **FREDERICK DOUGLASS; AND**

4                               **2. ADEQUATELY REFLECTS THE MARYLAND HEROES**  
5 **THEME THAT THE PLATE COMMEMORATES.**

6                   **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND**  
7 **COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE WITH RESPECT TO**  
8 **THE DESIGN OF THE MARYLAND HEROES COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATE.**

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2023.