

# SENATE BILL 584

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By: **Senators Simonaire, Salling, Benson, Jackson, Gile, and McKay**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Parking – Armed Forces Special Registration Plates**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an  
4 ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor  
5 vehicle in a parking space served by a parking meter if the motor vehicle has certain  
6 armed forces–related special registration plates; and generally relating to parking  
7 by motor vehicles that have certain armed forces–related special registration plates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 26–301(b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 26–301(c)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Transportation

20 Section 26–301(c–1)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 26–301.

2 (b) Subject to [subsection (c)] **SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (C–1)** of this section, any  
3 State agency authorized by law and any political subdivision of this State may adopt  
4 ordinances or regulations that:

5 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

6 (2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the  
7 ordinances or regulations;

8 (3) Regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately  
9 owned parking lots; and

10 (4) Provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an  
11 ordinance or regulation that is adopted under this section.

12 (c) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation  
13 that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle within a space served by a single  
14 parking meter.

15 **(C–1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE AN**  
16 **ORDINANCE, A REGULATION, OR A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR**  
17 **PARKING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A PARKING SPACE SERVED BY A PARKING METER IF**  
18 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES:**

19 **(1) AN INDIVIDUALLY EARNED, COMBAT–RELATED ARMED FORCES**  
20 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER § 13–619.1(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE;**  
21 **OR**

22 **(2) A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOLD STAR RECIPIENT**  
23 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER § 13–619.1(A)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2024.