

SENATE BILL 179

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CF HB 248

By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Fee Exemption – Unemployable Disabled Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a vehicle owned by an unemployable disabled veteran
4 is exempt from vehicle registration fees; and generally relating to vehicle registration
5 fee exemptions.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 13–903(a)(8)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 13–903(a)(9) and (10)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 13–903(a)(11)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 13–903.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the registration fees specified in this
2 subtitle:

3 (8) A vehicle owned by, or leased to, and personally used by a veteran who:

4 (i) As designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans
5 Affairs, has lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or

6 (ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

7 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,
8 with corrective glasses; or

9 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has
10 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular
11 distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;

12 (9) A vehicle owned and personally used by an individual who is the
13 surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as defined under § 7-208 of the
14 Tax – Property Article; **[and]**

15 (10) A Type I or Type II school vehicle owned and operated by a religious
16 organization; **AND**

17 **(11) NOT MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE OWNED BY, OR LEASED TO, AND**
18 **PERSONALLY USED BY A VETERAN WHO IS UNEMPLOYABLE DUE TO A**
19 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2025.