

SENATE BILL 863

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By: **Senator Muse**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Rental Fleet Vehicles – Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles;
4 requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates
5 for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and generally relating
6 to rental fleet vehicle registration.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–424

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 **13–424.**

16 **(A) THE OWNER OF A FLEET OF FIVE OR MORE RENTAL VEHICLES MAY**
17 **REGISTER ANY RENTAL VEHICLE IN THE FLEET:**

18 **(1) UNDER THIS SECTION; OR**

19 **(2) UNDER § 13–939.1 OF THIS TITLE.**

20 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) SHALL ISSUE DISTINCTIVE “FLEET VEHICLE” REGISTRATION**
2 **PLATES FOR ANY RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

3 **(2) MAY NOT REQUIRE THE ATTACHMENT, DISPLAY, OR ISSUANCE OF**
4 **A VALIDATION TAB FOR A RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

5 **(C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION**
6 **FOR EACH RENTAL VEHICLE THAT IS PART OF THE SAME FLEET SHALL EXPIRE ON**
7 **THE SAME DATE.**

8 **(D) (1) THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR A RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED**
9 **UNDER THIS SECTION IS AS DETERMINED UNDER § 13-939.1 OF THIS TITLE.**

10 **(2) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE, AN OWNER OF**
11 **A RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY A ONE-TIME**
12 **INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$8.50 WHEN THE NEW REGISTRATION**
13 **PLATES ARE ISSUED.**

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