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(House Bill 1464)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Rental Fleet Vehicles - Registration

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

BY adding to

Article – Transportation Section 13–424 Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13-424.

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

- (1) UNDER THIS SECTION; OR
- (2) UNDER § 13–939.1 OF THIS TITLE.
- (B) THE ADMINISTRATION:

(1) SHALL ISSUE DISTINCTIVE "FLEET VEHICLE" REGISTRATION PLATES FOR ANY RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.