

HOUSE BILL 68

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By: Delegate Stewart

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Special Registration Plates – Old Line Plates**
3 **(Old Line Plate Program Act of 2026)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
5 available an Old Line Plate with a certain numeric-only registration number for
6 certain motor vehicles; and generally relating to special vehicle registration plates.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13-619.5

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **13-619.5.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) “OLD LINE NUMBER” MEANS A NUMERIC-ONLY VEHICLE
19 REGISTRATION NUMBER CONSISTING OF ONE TO FIVE DIGITS, WITHOUT LETTERS,
20 PUNCTUATION, OR LEADING ZEROS.

21 (3) “OLD LINE PLATE” MEANS A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED
22 UNDER THIS SECTION BEARING AN OLD LINE NUMBER.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) "QUALIFYING VEHICLE" MEANS:

(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

(II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS OF 10,000 POUNDS OR LESS;

(III) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE; OR

**(IV) ANY OTHER CLASS OF VEHICLE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
REGULATION.**

(5) "REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT" MEANS A REVOCABLE, ABLE AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A R OLD LINE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE REGISTRATION OF A G VEHICLE.

12 (B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE
13 FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES AN OLD LINE PLATE.

14 (2) (I) THE STATE SHALL RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF ALL OLD LINE
15 PLATES.

16 (II) A HOLDER OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT DOES NOT
17 HAVE PROPERTY INTEREST IN AN OLD LINE PLATE.

21 (C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF
22 UNASSIGNED OLD LINE NUMBERS.

(2) (i) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REASSIGN AN ACTIVE NUMERIC-ONLY VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER TO BE AN OLD LINE NUMBER.

1 **1. ISSUE THE HOLDER A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT;**

2 AND

3 **2. EXCHANGE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT**
4 **REGISTRATION PLATE WITH AN OLD LINE PLATE BEARING THE HOLDER'S CURRENT**
5 **REGISTRATION NUMBER.**

6 **(D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

7 **(I) ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A PUBLIC AUCTION PROGRAM TO**
8 **AWARD REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHTS IN OLD LINE NUMBERS; AND**

9 **(II) ADOPT RESERVE PRICES, BID INCREMENTS, BIDDER**
10 **QUALIFICATIONS, AND OFFER NUMBER CATEGORIES.**

11 **(2) AN AUCTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE LIVE, ONLINE,**
12 **OR BY SEALED BID AND SHALL BE CONDUCTED PERIODICALLY OR ON A ROLLING**
13 **BASIS.**

14 **(E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
15 **ADMINISTRATION MAY TRANSFER A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT AND ISSUE A**
16 **NEW, IDENTICAL OLD LINE PLATE TO ANOTHER VEHICLE REGISTRANT ON**
17 **APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF A TRANSFER FEE DETERMINED BY THE**
18 **ADMINISTRATION.**

19 **(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A**
20 **REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT FOR AN OLD LINE NUMBER NOT ASSIGNED TO A**
21 **QUALIFYING VEHICLE FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS SHALL REVERT TO THE**
22 **ADMINISTRATION 60 DAYS AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE IS SENT TO THE REGISTRANT'S**
23 **LAST ADDRESS ON FILE.**

24 **(II) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY**
25 **AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME DELAY ON REVERSION OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT**
26 **FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS.**

27 **(3) A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED**
28 **WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER ITS INITIAL ISSUANCE OR MOST RECENT TRANSFER.**

29 **(4) NOT MORE THAN ONE TRANSFER OF A SINGLE REGISTRATION**
30 **NUMBER RIGHT MAY OCCUR DURING ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD UNLESS THE**
31 **TRANSFER:**

32 **(I) IS TO OR FROM THE ESTATE OF A DECEASED HOLDER;**

3 (III) OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE BUSINESS
4 REORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THE ENTITY HOLDING
5 THE RIGHT REMAINS UNCHANGED.

6 (F) (1) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A
7 REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT FOR FRAUD OR MISUSE, NONPAYMENT OF REQUIRED
8 FEES, OR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION.

10 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A
11 TRANSFER UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION IF THE TRANSFER IS
12 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVADING
13 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (G) FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

18 (1) USED TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS
19 SECTION; AND

20 (2) CREDITED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

21 (H) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
22 THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Administration shall
24 conduct the first auction of Old Line Numbers not later than December 1, 2026.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2026.