

# SENATE BILL 111

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By: Senator McCray

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain process for bringing vehicles owned by State  
4 residents that are improperly registered in another state into compliance with the  
5 Maryland Vehicle Law; and generally relating to improperly registered out-of-state  
6 vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–402(a) and (c)(7) and 26–301(b)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 26–301(b–1)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 13–402.

21 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the  
22 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on  
23 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:

3 (i) Public alley, street, or highway; or

4 (ii) Private property used by the public in general, including parking  
5 lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13–402.1 of this subtitle.

9 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

13 26-301.

14 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any State agency authorized by law  
15 and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

16 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

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

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

23 (B-1) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED FOR IN THE  
24 MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW, IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO  
25 BELIEVE THAT A VEHICLE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND HAS FAILED TO  
26 PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY  
27 VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE VEHICLE,  
28 THE VEHICLE OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A WARNING REQUIRING THE VEHICLE OWNER,  
29 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE WARNING, TO:

30 (I) PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE  
31 ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE  
32 ADMINISTRATION; OR

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2026.