

SENATE BILL 227

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Ellis**

Requested: October 30, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Parking – Disabled Veteran Special Registration Plates**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an
4 ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor
5 vehicle in a parking space served by a parking meter if the motor vehicle has disabled
6 veteran special registration plates; prohibiting a State agency from adopting or
7 enforcing a regulation or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor
8 vehicle in a parking lot owned or controlled by the State agency if the motor vehicle
9 has disabled veteran special registration plates; and generally relating to parking by
10 motor vehicles that have disabled veteran special registration plates.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 26–301(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 26–301(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 26–301(c–1)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

Article – Transportation

26–301.

(b) Subject to [subsection (c)] **SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (C–1)** of this section, any State agency authorized by law and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

(1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

(2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinances or regulations;

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

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

(c) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle within a space served by a single parking meter.

(C–1) (1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE, A REGULATION, OR A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR PARKING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN AN ON-STREET PARKING SPACE SERVED BY A PARKING METER IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) A STATE AGENCY MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A REGULATION OR A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR PARKING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A PARKING LOT OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE AGENCY IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

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