

SENATE BILL 352

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By: **Senator Charles**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Special Registration Plates – Old Line Plates**
3 **(Old Line License 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 repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
8 ~~Article – State Government~~
9 ~~Section 9–4107(a)~~
10 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
11 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

12 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
13 ~~Article – State Government~~
14 ~~Section 9–4107(f)(1)~~
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
16 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 13–619.5
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

~~Article – State Government~~

~~9-4107.~~

~~(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Department of Social and Economic Mobility
Special Fund.~~

~~(f) (1) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(i) revenue distributed to the Fund under:~~

~~1. § 2-1302.2 of the Tax General Article; AND~~

~~2. § 13-619.5 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;~~

~~(ii) money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;~~

~~(iii) interest earnings of the Fund; and~~

~~(iv) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit
of the Fund.~~

Article – Transportation

13-619.5.

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

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

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

(4) “QUALIFYING VEHICLE” MEANS:

(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

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

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

2 (IV) ANY OTHER CLASS OF VEHICLE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
3 DESIGNATES BY REGULATION.

4 (5) "REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT" MEANS A REVOCABLE,
5 TRANSFERABLE AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A
6 PARTICULAR OLD LINE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE REGISTRATION OF A
7 QUALIFYING VEHICLE.

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

10 (2) (I) THE STATE SHALL RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF ALL OLD LINE
11 PLATES.

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

14 (3) AN OLD LINE PLATE SHALL RESEMBLE THE WHITE CHARACTERS
15 ON BLACK BACKGROUND REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED BY THE STATE FOR DISPLAY
16 ON A MOTOR VEHICLE IN 1911.

17 (4) ON REQUEST OF A DISABLED VETERAN WHO MEETS THE
18 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER § 13-619.4
19 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT AN OLD LINE
20 PLATE ISSUED TO THE DISABLED VETERAN INCLUDES A DESIGNATION THAT STATES
21 "DISABLED VETERAN".

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

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

27 (II) ON REQUEST OF A HOLDER OF AN ACTIVE NUMERIC-ONLY
28 VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER AND PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE
29 REPLACEMENT FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-952 OF THIS TITLE, THE
30 ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

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;**

1 (II) IS TO A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, PARENT, CHILD, OR
2 SIBLING OF THE HOLDER OF THE RIGHT; OR

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.

14 (2) UPON REVOCATION OR SURRENDER OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER
15 RIGHT, THE RIGHT SHALL REVERT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE OLD LINE
16 NUMBER MAY BE RE-AUCTIONED.

17 (G) (1) FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

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

20 (2) ANY FEES REMAINING AFTER RECOVERY OF COSTS UNDER
21 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CREDITED IN THE FOLLOWING
22 MANNER:

23 ~~(2) (I) CREDITED 50% TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND;~~

24 (II) 30% TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
25 MOBILITY SPECIAL FUND UNDER § 9-4107 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE
26 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MARYLAND;

27 (III) 10% TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST TO SUPPORT
28 CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS; AND

29 (IV) 10% TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
30 FOUNDATION.

1 (H) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
2 THIS SECTION.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.