

SENATE BILL 896

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By: **Senators Hershey, Carozza, Salling, Gallion, Corderman, McKay, Folden, Simonaire, Bailey, Jennings, Ready, West, and Mautz**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Fees – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain motor vehicle registration fees for certain classes of
4 motor vehicles; and generally relating to motor vehicle registration fees.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article – Transportation

7 Section 13–912 through 13–917, 13–919(f), 13–920(d), 13–923, 13–927(d), 13–932
8 through 13–934, 13–936(d), 13–937, 13–937.1(c), and 13–939

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 13–919(a), 13–920(a) through (c), 13–936(a) through (c), and 13–937.1(a) and
14 (b)

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 13–912.

21 (a) When registered with the Administration, every passenger car and station
22 wagon, except as otherwise provided in this part, is a Class A (passenger) vehicle.

23 (b) For each Class A (passenger) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of [3,500] **3,700**
2 pounds or less[:

3 (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$70.50; and

4 (ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$80.50], **\$50.50**; AND

5 (2) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of more than
6 [3,500 pounds but not more than] 3,700 pounds[:

7 (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$80.50; and

8 (ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$85.50; and

9 (3) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of more than 3,700
10 pounds:

11 (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$121.50; and

12 (ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$151.50], **\$76.50**.

13 13–913.

14 (a) (1) When registered with the Administration, every passenger motor
15 vehicle operated for the transportation of persons for hire, except a vehicle described in
16 paragraph (2) of this subsection, is a Class B (for hire) vehicle.

17 (2) The following vehicles are not subject to the classification specified in
18 this section:

19 (i) Any vehicle operated on a regular schedule and between fixed
20 termini; and

21 (ii) Any vehicle for which a different classification is specified in this
22 part.

23 (b) For each Class B (for hire) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

24 (1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$170.00; and

25 (2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$180.00] **\$150.00**.

26 13–914.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every motor vehicle operated as an ambulance, a mortician flower coach or service wagon, or a funeral limousine or coach is a Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle.

(b) For each Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$120.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$130.00] **\$100.00**.

13–915.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every motorcycle is a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle.

(b) For each Class D (motorcycle) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$55.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$65.00] **\$35.00**.

13–916.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every single unit truck with two or more axles is a Class E (truck) vehicle.

(b) [(1)] For each Class E (truck) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, as follows:

Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)	Fee (per 1,000 Pounds or Fraction Thereof)
10,000 (minimum) – 18,000	\$9.00
18,001 – 26,000	11.75
26,001 – 40,000	12.75
40,001 – 60,000	14.75
60,001 – 80,000 (maximum)	16.00

[(2) (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$45.00.

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$75.00.]

13–917.

Notwithstanding § 13–916(b) of this subtitle, for any Class E (truck) vehicle [with a manufacturer’s rated capacity of 3/4 ton or less and a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or less], the annual registration fee is **\$63.75 IF:**

(1) [For a vehicle with a] **THE MANUFACTURER’S RATED CAPACITY IS 3/4 TON OR LESS; AND**

(2) THE maximum gross vehicle weight [of 3,500] IS 7,000 pounds or less[:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$83.75; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$93.75;

(2) Except as provided in item (4) of this section, for a vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 3,500 pounds but not more than 5,000 pounds:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$93.75; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$98.75;

(3) Except as provided in item (4) of this section, for a vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 5,000 pounds:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$108.75; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$138.75; and

(4) For a vehicle, regardless of the vehicle’s maximum gross vehicle weight, for which the owner certifies on the registration application that the vehicle for which the application is made will be used for construction activities:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$83.75; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$93.75].

13–919.

(a) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class E “dump service registration” to any applicant who certifies that the vehicle for which the application is made is a Class E (truck) vehicle that:

(1) Is designed to haul cargo and to self-unload by gravity or mechanical means; and

(2) Is to be used to haul feed or other loose materials in bulk.

(f) For each vehicle registered under this section, the annual registration fee is the greater of:

(1) [On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025:

(i) \$26.25 for each thousand pounds of gross weight of the vehicle [plus an additional \$20.00]; or

[(ii) \$1,070.00; and]

(2) [On or after July 1, 2025:

(i) \$26.25 for each thousand pounds of gross weight of the vehicle plus an additional \$30.00; or

(ii) \$1,080.00] **\$1,050.00.**

13–920.

(a) (1) In this section, “tow truck” means a vehicle that:

(i) Is a Class E (truck) vehicle that is designed to lift, pull, or carry a vehicle by a hoist or mechanical apparatus;

(ii) Has a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more; and

(iii) Is equipped as a tow truck or designed as a rollback as defined in § 11–151.1 of this article.

(2) In this section, “tow truck” does not include a truck tractor as defined in § 11–172 of this article.

(b) When registered with the Administration every tow truck as defined in this section is a Class T vehicle.

(c) A tow truck registered under this section may be used to tow vehicles for repair, storage, or removal from the highway.

(d) (1) [(i)] Subject to the provisions of [subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and] paragraph (2) of this subsection, for each vehicle registered under this section, the annual registration fee is based on the manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating as follows:

Manufacturer’s Gross Weight Rating in Pounds	Fee
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1	10,000 (or less) to 26,000	\$185.00
2	More than 26,000	\$550.00

3 [(ii) 1. On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, the
4 annual registration fee under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is increased by an
5 additional \$20.00.

6 2. On or after July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under
7 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is increased by an additional \$30.00.]

8 (2) (i) The annual registration fee for a vehicle registered under this
9 section that is used for any purpose other than that described in subsection (c) of this
10 section shall be determined under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph if the maximum
11 gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles:

12 1. Exceeds 18,000 pounds and the vehicle has a
13 manufacturer's gross weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less; or

14 2. Exceeds 35,000 pounds and the vehicle has a
15 manufacturer's gross weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

16 (ii) The annual registration fee shall be the greater of:

17 1. The fees set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

18 2. The fees set forth in § 13–916(b) of this subtitle.

19 13–923.

20 (a) When registered with the Administration, every truck tractor or similar motor
21 vehicle used for propelling, supporting, or drawing a trailer or semitrailer is a Class F
22 (tractor) vehicle.

23 (b) [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for] **FOR** each Class F
24 (tractor) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight of the
25 vehicle in combination with a trailer or semitrailer, as follows:

26	Maximum Gross Weight	Fee (per 1,000 Pounds
27	Limit (in Pounds)	or Fraction Thereof)
28	40,000 (minimum) – 60,000	\$21.00
29	60,001 – 80,000 or more	\$22.50

30 [(2) (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, the annual
31 registration fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$20.00.

32 (ii) On or after July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under
33 paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$30.00.]

1 13-927.

2 (d) The annual registration fee for a Class G (trailer) vehicle is based on the
3 maximum gross weight as follows:

4 (1) [(i)] Except as provided in item (2) of this subsection [and subject to
5 item (ii) of this item], for a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer:

6	Maximum Gross Weight	
7	Limit (in Pounds)	Fee
8	3,000 or less	\$25.50
9	3,001 to 5,000	51.00
10	5,001 to 10,000	80.00
11	10,001 to 20,000	124.00

12 [(ii) 1. On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, the
13 annual registration fee under item (i) of this item is increased by an additional \$20.00; and

14 2. On or after July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under
15 item (i) of this item is increased by an additional \$30.00;]

16 (2) For a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer with a maximum gross weight
17 limit (in pounds) of 10,001 to 20,000 that is titled on or after October 1, 2005:

18 (i) The fee is[:

19 1. On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$144.00;

20 and

21 2. On or after July 1, 2025, \$154.00] **\$124.00**; and

22 (ii) The vehicle shall be registered in one of the following weight
23 ranges:

24	Maximum Gross Weight
25	Limit (in Pounds)
26	10,001 to 11,000
27	11,001 to 12,000
28	12,001 to 13,000
29	13,001 to 14,000
30	14,001 to 15,000
31	15,001 to 16,000
32	16,001 to 17,000
33	17,001 to 18,000
34	18,001 to 19,000

19,001 to 20,000

(3) For a freight trailer or semitrailer the fee is[:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$58.25; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$68.25] **\$38.25**.

13–932.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every school vehicle is a Class H (school) vehicle.

(b) For each Type I school vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) If the vehicle is a school bus only operated for the transportation of children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity or, with approval from a board of education in any county, to provide transportation for persons 60 years of age or older to civic, educational, social, or recreational activities[:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$71.00; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$81.00], **\$51.00**; and

(2) If the vehicle is a school bus charter operated for any purpose in addition to that specified in item (1) of this subsection [:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$170.00], **\$150.00**, less any amount paid under item (1) of this subsection[: and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$180.00, less any amount paid under item (1) of this subsection].

(c) For each Type II school vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$71.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$81.00] **\$51.00**.

13–933.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every bus operated under charter or for hire is a Class P (passenger bus) vehicle.

(b) [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for] **FOR** each Class P (passenger bus) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the seating capacity of the bus, as follows:

Seating Capacity	Fee
20 or less	\$275.00
21 to 35	525.00
36 or more	875.00

[(2) (i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$20.00.

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, the annual registration fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection is increased by an additional \$30.00.]

13–934.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every vehicle used as a vanpool vehicle is a Class J (vanpool) vehicle.

(b) For each Class J (vanpool) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$96.50; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$106.50] **\$76.50**.

13–936.

(a) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

(1) Is a model year of 1999 or earlier;

(2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design; and

(3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(b) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

(c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.50; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.50] **\$25.50**.

13–937.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every multipurpose passenger vehicle is a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

(b) For each Class M (multipurpose) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) For a vehicle with a manufacturer’s shipping weight of [3,500] **3,700** pounds or less[:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$70.50; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$80.50], **\$50.50; AND**

(2) For a vehicle with a manufacturer’s shipping weight of more than [3,500 pounds but not more than] 3,700 pounds[:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$80.50; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$85.50; and

(3) For a vehicle with a manufacturer’s shipping weight of more than 3,700 pounds:

(i) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$121.50; and

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, \$151.50], **\$76.50**.

(c) The Administration may by rule and regulation provide for the registration under this section of all multipurpose passenger vehicles registered under another classification.

13–937.1.

(a) In this section, “street rod” means a motor vehicle that:

(1) Is 25 years old or older; and

(2) Has been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, if registered with the Administration under this section, every street rod is a Class N (street rod) vehicle.

(c) For each Class N (street rod) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.00] **\$25.00**.

13–939.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every limousine operated for hire is a Class Q (limousine) vehicle.

(b) For each Class Q (limousine) vehicle, the annual registration fee is[:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$205.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$215.00] **\$185.00**.

(c) On registration of a vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue special limousine vehicle registration plates of the size and design that the Administration determines.

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