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HB 1314—VEHICLE LAWS—PILOT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION PLATES AND CARDS

Summary

HB1314 will create a pilot program to explore alternative vehicle registration plates and cards for certain vehicles.

Background

Maryland law requires front and rear license registration plates, which is problematic for many vehicle owners. Specifically, all electric vehicles are not designed for mounting front license plates.

Sticker license plates and other alternative methods were explored in California under a similar pilot program, the State of California offered a favorable report in 2019, and concluded they would like to continue the use of sticker license plates for electric vehicles. *Report attached.*

Rationale

HB1314 would allow the state to explore solutions for the front plate issue, while working with interested parties such as the MVA and the highway police.

Amendments

The House extended this pilot program to include all cars, not just electric vehicles. We accepted this amendment favorably.

Conclusion

We respectfully request a **favorable report of HB1303** from the Committee and thank you for considering this important legislation.