

SENATE BILL 304

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Class L (Historic) Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the owner of a Class L (historic) vehicle to apply to the
4 Motor Vehicle Administration for certain special registration plates; requiring the
5 Administration on registration of a vehicle that qualifies for historic vehicle
6 registration plates and for certain other special registration plates to issue a certain
7 registration plate at the option of the vehicle owner; making conforming changes;
8 and generally relating to Class L (historic) vehicles and special registration plates.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 13–616(b)(1), 13–618(a), 13–619.2(a), and 13–936(a) and (e)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Transportation

16 Section 13–616(b)(3), 13–617(a), 13–618(b), 13–619(a), 13–619.1(a)(1),
17 13–619.2(b), and 13–936(f)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 13–616.

24 (b) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (3) of this subsection
25 may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special disability

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 registration number and special disability registration plates, if a certified nurse
2 practitioner, licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed chiropractor,
3 licensed optometrist, or licensed podiatrist certifies, in accordance with paragraph (2) of
4 this subsection, that the applicant:

5 (i) Has lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory)
6 expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter, or
7 arterial oxygen tension (PO₂) is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest;

8 (ii) Has cardiovascular disease limitations classified in severity as
9 Class III or Class IV according to standards accepted by the American Heart Association;

10 (iii) Is unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

11 (iv) Is unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace,
12 cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, or other assistive device;

13 (v) Requires a wheelchair for mobility;

14 (vi) Has lost a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

15 (vii) Has lost the use of a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

16 (viii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

17 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,
18 with corrective glasses; or

19 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has
20 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular
21 distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or

22 (ix) Has a permanent disability that adversely impacts the
23 ambulatory ability of the applicant and which is so severe that the person would endure a
24 hardship or be subject to a risk of injury if the privileges accorded a person for whom a
25 vehicle is specially registered under this section were denied.

26 (3) This section applies only to:

27 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

28 (ii) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;

29 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;

30 (iv) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's
31 rated capacity; [or]

1 (v) A Class H, I, or J vehicle that is specially equipped for the
2 transportation of individuals with disabilities and is used exclusively for the transportation
3 of individuals with disabilities; **OR**

4 (VI) **A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

5 13-617.

6 (a) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (2) of this subsection
7 may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special amateur
8 radio registration number, if the applicant holds an amateur radio station license issued
9 by the Federal Communications Commission.

10 (2) This section applies only as to:

11 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle; [or]

12 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's
13 rated capacity; **OR**

14 (III) **A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

15 13-618.

16 (a) The Administration shall issue a special Chesapeake Bay Commemorative
17 Registration Plate.

18 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended as
19 security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns the
20 vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for the
21 assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this section if the vehicle is
22 included in one of the following classes:

23 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

24 (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one
25 ton or less;

26 (3) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; [or]

27 (4) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; **OR**

28 (5) **A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

29 13-619.

1 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not
2 intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that
3 owns the vehicle who is a member or, subject to subsection (c)(3) of this section, the
4 surviving spouse of a member, of an organization considered eligible by the Administration
5 may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special registration number if the
6 vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

7 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

8 (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one
9 ton or less; [or]

10 (3) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; **OR**

11 **(4) A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

12 13-619.1.

13 (a) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not
14 intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that
15 owns the vehicle may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special
16 registration number and special registration plates under this section for a vehicle included
17 in one of the following classes:

18 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

19 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's
20 rated capacity;

21 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; [or]

22 (iv) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle; **OR**

23 **(v) A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

24 13-619.2.

25 (a) In consultation with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.
26 the Administration shall develop and make available for qualifying vehicles a specially
27 designed registration plate honoring Maryland agriculture.

28 (b) The owner of a vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended as
29 security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns the
30 vehicle considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for an

1 original or substitute registration plate under this section if the vehicle is included in one
2 of the following classes:

3 (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

4 (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one
5 ton or less;

6 (3) A Class E (farm truck) vehicle;

7 (4) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; [or]

8 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; **OR**

9 **(6) A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.**

10 13–936.

11 (a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a
12 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

13 (1) Is at least 20 years old;

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

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

17 (e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section, the
18 owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for
19 which the application is made:

20 (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours,
21 occasional transportation, and similar uses; and

22 (2) Will not be used:

23 (i) For general daily transportation; or

24 (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on
25 highways.

26 (f) Except as provided in § 13–936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle
27 under this section, the Administration shall issue [a]:

1 **(1)** A special, historic motor vehicle registration plate of the size and design
2 that the Administration determines; **OR**

3 **(2)** **AT THE OPTION OF AN OWNER WHOSE VEHICLE ALSO QUALIFIES**
4 **FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER ANOTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE,**
5 **THAT SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE AN INDICATION THAT**
6 **THE VEHICLE IS A HISTORIC VEHICLE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2015.