

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

Article - Transportation

13-619.

(a) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns the vehicle who is a member OR, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER, of an organization considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special registration number if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

- (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of 3/4 ton or less; or
- (3) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

(b) (1) In this subsection, "motorcyclist organization" means a motorcyclist organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that:

- (i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (ii) Is determined by the Administration to be eligible under this section.

(2) The owner of a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle who is a member of a motorcyclist organization may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special registration number for the vehicle.

(c) The Administration may issue and continue a special registration number under this section if:

(1) The owner of the motor vehicle submits, with the original application, proof satisfactory to the Administration that the owner of the vehicle is a member of a nonprofit organization and complies with the regulations adopted by the Administration under subsection (d) of this section; [and]

(2) At least 25 owners of vehicles in a class apply to the Administration for the assignment of special registration numbers, and at least 25 special registration numbers are issued initially; AND

(3) IN THE CASE OF AN OWNER WHO IS APPLYING AS A SURVIVING SPOUSE, THE OWNER SUBMITS PROOF SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT AT THE TIME OF DEATH OF THE OWNER'S SPOUSE, THE DECEASED SPOUSE WAS THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.