

of Maryland urgently requesting that the President work with the automotive industry to expedite production of an alternative to the internal combustion engine as a power source for automobiles.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 638

(Senate Bill 105)

AN ACT to add new Section 3-606 to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," to follow immediately after Section 3-605 thereof, to authorize the issuance of special motor vehicle registration plates for an additional fee to persons without convictions for violations of the motor vehicle laws AND GENERALLY RELATING THERETO and to provide for the disposition of this additional fee.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 3-606 be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "CERTIFICATES of Title and Registration of Vehicles," to follow immediately after Section 3-605 thereof, to read as follows:*

3-606.

(a) The Department, upon the payment of a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), which shall be in addition to and not in substitution of the other fees required by this article, may issue to any applicant special registration plates upon which shall be displayed any combination of letters and/or numerals, not exceeding six letters or numerals, or both, requested by the applicant and approved by the Department. No such registration plates shall be issued to any applicant who has been convicted of any violation of this article involving a motor vehicle actually in motion within a period of five years from the date of making the application.

(A) UPON APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE OWNER OF ANY REGISTERED PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES AND UPON PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES PROVIDED FOR ELSEWHERE IN THIS ARTICLE, AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00), WHICH SHALL BE PAYABLE UPON THE ISSUANCE OF ALL ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE FOR SAID PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UPON WHICH SHALL BE INSCRIBED A COMBINATION OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) LETTERS AND NUMBERS, WHICH SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN THREE INCHES HIGH, AND EACH STROKE NOT LESS THAN ONE-