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CHAPTER 765

(House Bill 348)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3-418 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 3 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part IV. Registration of Vehicles," to provide that the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain conditions furnish vehicle registration information to certain governmental agencies and to national veterans organizations and to prohibit the Administration from furnishing such information to other organizations, except under certain conditions to firms, persons or organizations; limiting the use of the distributed information; and permitting a minimum fee to be charged for the distributed information.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-418 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 3 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part IV. Registration of Vehicles," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

[4-418] 3-418.

(a) The Commissioner shall compile and publish in books or bulletins a list of all registered vehicles and thereafter compile and publish supplements thereto. The list of registered vehicles shall be arranged serially according to the registration numbers assigned to registered vehicles and contain in addition the names and addresses of registered owners and a brief description of each vehicle including the identifying number thereof.

(b) Copies of the lists may be furnished free of charge to public officials of the State, to the police departments of all the counties and municipalities of the State, and to the offices of the sheriffs and county commissioners of the several counties in the discretion of the Department, and the Department may also furnish copies of the lists to all other persons applying for them at a price not less than the cost of the lists to the State.

UPON REQUEST AND WITH THE APPROVAL BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE REQUEST WAS MADE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL FURNISH VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND TO CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED NATIONAL VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THESE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM DISTRIBUTING THE INFORMATION FOR OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS FURNISHED. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOT FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION, EXCEPT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT, IN ITS DISCRETION, WILL USE THE INFORMATION SOLELY FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY RELATED PROGRAMS.

THE ADMINISTRATION MAY FURNISH VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO THOSE FIRMS, PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING IT PROVIDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION APPROVES OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE. ALL FIRMS, PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS FURNISHED SUCH