

supplement, title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "[Registration of Vehicles,]" Part VIII. Fees Connected with Registration and Titling. be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3-829. [Exemption from registration fees.]

(a) All vehicles owned and used by the United States, the State of Maryland or any city, town, village, or county of this State, and all vehicles owned and used for personal or official purposes by accredited consular or diplomatic officers of foreign governments, which officers are nationals of the state by which they are appointed and are not citizens of the United States, and by any incorporated volunteer fire company incorporated in this State or rescue squad and used for fire fighting or ambulance purposes, all authorized canteen wagons of recognized fire buff organizations as certified by the International Fire Buffs Association, and all motor vehicles owned and used personally by veterans who have either lost or lost the use of one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, or who are blind, OR WHO ARE TOTALLY DISABLED, and all vehicles owned and used by the Civil Air Patrol, are exempted from the provisions of this subtitle requiring the payment of registration fees. The vehicles shall display identification markers approved by the [Commissioner] ADMINISTRATOR and the identification markers or other insignia on the vehicles of veterans who have either lost or lost the use of one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, OR WHO ARE TOTALLY DISABLED, shall indicate that they have been so designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration; and for the purposes of this subsection a person shall be considered blind if he has a permanent impairment of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 224

(Senate Bill 398)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4, 6, 47 and 48 of Article 96 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Veterans," subtitles I["Relief Fund and Rights"] and "Privileges," II "Relief Fund" and "Rights and Privileges" respectively, eliminating the reference to a particular sex in the distribution of money to certain persons from the veterans' relief fund, in receiving direct financial relief from the State Service and Executive Officer, in the furnishing of free birth, marriage and death certificates by any veteran or his spouse, and in giving special credits to a veteran or his spouse taking examinations for positions in political subdivisions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4, 6, 47 and 48 of Article 96 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title