

establishing a certain fee to be used for a certain purpose; providing for the design of special registration plates issued under this Act; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to include certain information and symbols on certain special registration plates; providing for a certain fee for certain special registration plates; providing that the Administration is not required to reclaim or reissue registration plates until the regular expiration of certain plates; and generally relating to the issuance and display of certain registration plates.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section 13-618 and 13-619.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

13-618.

(A) (1) A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR A VEHICLE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

(II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A 3/4 TON OR LESS MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY; OR

(III) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

(2) AN APPLICANT FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE PROOF THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT.

(B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY A FEE OF \$5 AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED FOR THE VEHICLE. THE FEE SHALL BE CALCULATED TO RECOVER THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOVERING THE COSTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, AND MAY NOT BE