

**CHAPTER 128**

**(House Bill 152)**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates**

FOR the purpose of revising and clarifying certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of special vehicle registration plates; repealing provisions of law relating to special registration plates for members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in order to consolidate provisions relating to organizational license plates; altering the fee for certain plates displaying emblems or logos; expanding the class of recipients of combat-related armed forces medals who are eligible to apply for certain special registration plates; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with certain persons, to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to special registration plates.

BY repealing

Article – Transportation  
Section 13-618.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1992 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation  
Section 13-619 and 13-619.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1992 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that there are inequities in the current fee structure with respect to special registration plates issued by the State to various individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Despite administrative and legislative efforts in recent years, the number and types of special registration plates have proliferated with the attendant problems and increased costs associated with the design, manufacture, storage, and distribution of the plates; and

WHEREAS, The lack of uniformity with respect to special registration plates not only increases administrative costs, but has a negative impact on law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that ~~qualified organizations and individuals~~ eligible individuals and organizations have equal access to, and be charged equal fees for, special registration plates; and