

WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends that there be more uniformity and consistency with respect to the design and cost of special registration plates; and ~~that the~~

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland wishes to give special recognition to those individuals who have been awarded combat-related armed forces medals by authorizing the issuance of distinctive license plates for a fee calculated merely to recover administrative costs; now, therefore,

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

**Article - Transportation**

[13-618.1.

(a) (1) A member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special registration number and special registration plates for a vehicle included in 1 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 member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

(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 as determined by the Administration each time new registration plates are issued for the vehicle. The fee may not exceed the amount necessary 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 credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

(c) Special registration plates issued under this section shall include 3 numerals and the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor" printed to the left of the numerals.]

13-619.

(a) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease not intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business entity that owns the vehicle who is a member of an organization considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a special registration number if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

- (1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;