

(vi) Maintains the standards of the institution.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students enrolled in an associate degree program.

(c) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the award for each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

(1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

(i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was awarded; and

(ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle and simple interest equal to the prime rate of interest plus 2 percent calculated from the date of the first payment of the grant award under this subtitle for any portion of the award if the recipient does not:

1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

2. Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

(2) The service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 142

(Senate Bill 90)

AN ACT concerning

### Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Honorably Discharged Veterans

FOR the purpose of establishing special registration numbers and special registration plates for certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain persons who are honorably discharged from a branch of the armed forces of the United States