

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

Article - Transportation

13-618.

(a) The Administration may issue special commemorative original or substitute registration plates for any geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental commemoration of statewide significance.

(b) The owner of a 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 considered eligible by the Administration may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a commemorative registration plate under this section if the vehicle is included in one of the following classes:

(1) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

~~(2) A Class B (for hire) vehicle;~~

~~(3)~~ (2) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one ton or less;

~~(4)~~ (3) A Class G (trailer) vehicle; or

~~(5)~~ (4) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

(c) (1) An original or substitute commemorative plate may only be issued under this section for a fixed period of 2 consecutive years after its initial issuance.

(2) The Administration may only issue 1 commemorative plate under this section at any one time.

(d) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a commemorative registration plate under this section shall pay:

(i) An additional initial registration fee set by the Administration when the new registration plates are issued to the vehicle under this section; or

(ii) An additional renewal fee set by the Administration each time the plate is renewed.