

(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 the fee set by the Administration when the new registration plates are issued to the vehicle under this section.

(2) The Administration shall set the fee at a level that will enable the Administration to recover its costs under this section.

(i) The Administration may charge a fee that is sufficient to result in a surplus after costs are subtracted.

(ii) The Administration shall retain a portion of the fee that is sufficient to allow the Administration to recover any costs of issuing and distributing commemorative plates under this section.

(iii) Any surplus moneys remaining after the Administration has recovered the costs of issuing a commemorative plate under this section may not be retained by or transferred to any agency of the State for any purpose.

(iv) Notwithstanding subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the surplus moneys may be retained for the purpose described in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) The surplus moneys shall be disbursed by the Administration to a nonprofit organization that is:

(i) Closely related to the geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which the plate commemorates; and

(ii) Designated by the Administration under subsection (e) of this section.

(4) No portion of the fee may be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of the Transportation Article.

(e) (1) The Administration shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with the Maryland Vehicle Law to govern the issuance of special registration plates under this section.

(2) Before designating any nonprofit organization to receive any surplus moneys and before distributing any surplus moneys to any nonprofit organization, the Administration shall adopt regulations specific to each new commemorative plate detailing:

(i) The name and nature of the nonprofit organization receiving the money;

(ii) The relationship of the nonprofit organization to the geographical, historical, natural resource, or environmental theme which the plate commemorates; and

(iii) The plan of distribution of the funds.