

## CHAPTER 580

## (Senate Bill 88)

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws - Registration — Animal Friendly Commemorative License Plates**

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Motor Vehicle Administration to issue specially designed animal friendly commemorative registration plates to enhance public awareness of the State's commitment to manage the population of dogs and cats through sterilization and to subsidize the efforts of certain entities that humanely sterilize dogs and cats in the State; requiring the Governor to appoint a certain number of individuals to a committee to develop, organize, and implement a statewide contest to design the commemorative plates; restricting the issuance of the commemorative plates to certain classes of vehicles; requiring the Administration to charge an additional registration fee for the commemorative plates under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to transfer a certain portion of the additional registration fee charged for commemorative plates issued under this Act to certain counties monthly; requiring counties receiving funds under this Act either to distribute the funds received in a certain manner to certain entities or to return the funds to the Administration; providing for the allocation of funds returned by a county to the Administration~~ Governor to appoint a committee to design an emblem or logo for use on organizational license plates by animal humane societies or similar organizations for specified purposes; specifying the membership of the committee; authorizing the committee to solicit suggestions from certain groups; providing that the final design is subject to the approval of the Motor Vehicle Administration; specifying legislative intent concerning use of the emblem or logo; clarifying that certain fees might be charged by eligible organizations and that the fees are intended for certain purposes; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of ~~commemorative organizational~~ registration plates ~~by the Administration relating to the management of the population of dogs and cats.~~

BY adding to

Article ~~Transportation~~Section ~~13-618.1~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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