

HOUSE BILL 250

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Disabled Veteran Registration Plates – Issuance**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue disabled veteran
4 registration plates to certain disabled veterans; and generally relating to the
5 issuance of disabled veteran registration plates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 13–616(c)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 13–903(a)(8)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 13–616.

20 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(4) of this section, special
21 registration and special registration plates may be issued under this section only if the
22 applicant submits proof satisfactory to the Administration that the applicant is an
23 individual with a disability described in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3) of this subsection and subsection (b)(4) of this section, the Administration may not accept applications for special registration under this section from an applicant who, at the time of application:

(i) Possesses one valid special registration issued under this section; or

(ii) Possesses two parking placards issued under § 13–616.1 of this subtitle.

(3) An individual may possess two valid special registrations for Class D motorcycles in addition to the special registration authorized under subsection (b) of this section and the parking placards authorized under § 13–616.1 of this subtitle.

(4) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A DISABLED VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATE IN RECOGNITION OF THE VEHICLE OWNER'S MILITARY SERVICE-RELATED INJURIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST A 50% SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN, AS DESIGNATED OR CLASSIFIED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

13–903.

(a) The following vehicles are exempt from the registration fees specified in this subtitle:

(8) A vehicle owned by, or leased to, and personally used by a veteran who:

(i) As designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration, has lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or

(ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses; or

2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.