

HOUSE BILL 49

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegates Taveras and T. Morgan**

Requested: August 8, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Unauthorized Registration Plates – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the knowing display, use, possession, or purchase of
4 unauthorized registration plates for a vehicle; and generally relating to unauthorized
5 registration plates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 13–703(g)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 13–703.

15 (g) **(1)** A person may not display on or for a vehicle any registration plate that
16 is neither:

17 [(1)] **(I)** Issued for the vehicle; or

18 [(2)] **(II)** Otherwise lawfully used on or for the vehicle under this title.

19 **(2) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY DISPLAY ON OR USE, POSSESS,**
20 **OR PURCHASE FOR A VEHICLE ANY REGISTRATION PLATE THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) IS NOT ISSUED FOR THE VEHICLE; OR**

2 **(II) IS NOT OTHERWISE LAWFULLY DISPLAYED ON OR USED,**
3 **POSSESSED, OR PURCHASED FOR THE VEHICLE UNDER THIS TITLE.**

4 **(3) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF**
5 **THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS OR A**
6 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2024.