

HOUSE BILL 1296

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By: **Delegates Glass, Hornberger, McDonough, and Parrott**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Class G (Trailer) Vehicles – Permanent Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a one-time,
4 permanent registration for certain trailer vehicles under certain circumstances;
5 establishing a certain fee schedule for the permanent registration of certain trailer
6 vehicles under certain circumstances; establishing that a registration issued under
7 this Act is not transferable; and generally relating to permanent registration for
8 trailer vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–927 and 13–930
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 13–927.

18 (a) (1) When registered with the Administration, every trailer and semitrailer
19 is a Class G (trailer) vehicle.

20 (2) A Class G (trailer) vehicle shall be classified as “freight” or “nonfreight”.

21 (b) A nonfreight trailer or semitrailer is a vehicle designed for towing by a Class
22 A (passenger) vehicle, a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle, or a Class E (truck) vehicle, and
23 shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) (i) If towed by a Class E (truck) vehicle, have a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less; or

(ii) If towed by a Class A (passenger) vehicle or a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle, have a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less; and

(2) Be a:

(i) Boat trailer;

(ii) Camping trailer;

(iii) Travel trailer;

(iv) House trailer; or

(v) Utility trailer.

(c) A freight trailer or semitrailer shall be:

(1) Designed for towing by a Class E (truck) or Class F (tractor) vehicle; and

(2) (i) In excess of 20,000 pounds gross weight if towed by a Class E (truck) vehicle; or

(ii) In excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight if towed by a Class F (tractor) vehicle.

(d) The annual registration fee for a Class G (trailer) vehicle is based on the maximum gross weight as follows:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer:

Maximum Gross Weight

Limit (in Pounds)	Fee
3,000 or less	\$ 25.50
3,001 to 5,000	51.00
5,001 to 10,000	80.00
10,001 to 20,000	124.00

(2) For a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer with a maximum gross weight limit (in pounds) of 10,001 to 20,000 that is titled on or after October 1, 2005:

(i) The fee is \$124.00; and

(ii) The vehicle shall be registered in one of the following weight ranges:

Maximum Gross Weight

Limit (in Pounds)

10,001 to 11,000

11,001 to 12,000

12,001 to 13,000

13,001 to 14,000

14,001 to 15,000

15,001 to 16,000

16,001 to 17,000

17,001 to 18,000

18,001 to 19,000

19,001 to 20,000

(3) For a freight trailer or semitrailer the fee is \$38.25.

(E) (1) ON APPLICATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A ONE-TIME, PERMANENT NONFREIGHT CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

(2) THE ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE FOR A NONFREIGHT TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER IS BASED ON THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT AS FOLLOWS:

MAXIMUM GROSS

WEIGHT

LIMIT (IN POUNDS)

FEE

3,000 OR LESS \$ 75.00

3,001 TO 5,000 125.00

5,001 TO 10,000 200.00

(3) FOR A NONFREIGHT TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT (IN POUNDS) OF 10,001 TO 20,000:

(I) THE FEE IS \$300.00; AND

(II) THE VEHICLE SHALL BE REGISTERED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WEIGHT RANGES:

MAXIMUM GROSS

WEIGHT

LIMIT (IN POUNDS)

10,001 TO 11,000

11,001 TO 12,000

12,001 TO 13,000

1	13,001 TO 14,000
2	14,001 TO 15,000
3	15,001 TO 16,000
4	16,001 TO 17,000
5	17,001 TO 18,000
6	18,001 TO 19,000
7	19,001 TO 20,000

8 **(4) A VEHICLE REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS**
 9 **NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

10 13–930.

11 (a) In this section, “farm trailer or semitrailer” means a farm vehicle that is a
 12 Class G (trailer) vehicle.

13 (b) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class G “farm trailer
 14 or semitrailer” registration to any applicant who certifies:

15 (1) That the applicant is a farmer; and

16 (2) That the vehicle for which the application is made is a farm trailer or
 17 semitrailer, specifying its proposed use.

18 (c) **(1)** Except as otherwise provided in this part, for each farm trailer or
 19 semitrailer, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight limitations
 20 for the vehicle, as follows:

21	Maximum Gross Weight	
22	Limit (in Pounds)	Fee
23	3,000	\$ 12.75
24	5,000	25.50
25	10,000	40.00
26	20,000	62.00

27 **(2) ON APPLICATION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A**
 28 **ONE–TIME, PERMANENT SPECIAL CLASS G “FARM TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER”**
 29 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

30 **(3) THE ONE–TIME REGISTRATION FEE FOR A SPECIAL FARM**
 31 **TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER IS BASED ON THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT, AS FOLLOWS:**

32	MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT	
33	LIMIT (IN POUNDS)	FEE
34	3,000	\$ 37.50

1	5,000	62.50
2	10,000	100.00
3	20,000	150.00

4 **(4) A VEHICLE REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF**
5 **THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

6 (d) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used for hire except to haul
7 farm products for another farmer.

8 (e) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used in any manner other
9 than as a farm trailer or semitrailer.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2017.