

HOUSE BILL 219

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By: **Delegate Addison**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore City to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle owned
4 by a new resident of the State who fails to register the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle
5 Administration and display valid registration plates issued by the Administration
6 within a certain time period; and generally relating to towing, removal, and
7 impounding of improperly registered out-of-state vehicles in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 13–402(a) and (c)(7) and 26–301(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 26–301(b–1)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 13–402.

22 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
23 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on
24 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:

(i) Public alley, street, or highway; or

(ii) Private property used by the public in general, including parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13–402.1 of this subtitle.

(c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

(7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the resident's former domicile;

26–301.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any State agency authorized by law and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

(1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

(2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinances or regulations;

(3) Regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately owned parking lots; and

(4) Provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an ordinance or regulation that is adopted under this section.

(B–1) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(2) BALTIMORE CITY MAY TOW, REMOVE, OR IMPOUND A VEHICLE OWNED BY A NEW RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO FAILS TO REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN 60 DAYS AS REQUIRED UNDER § 13–402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.