

HOUSE BILL 1148

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By: **Delegates Hornberger and Arikan**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Military Surplus Vehicles – Registration and Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain standards and procedures for the registration of
4 military surplus vehicles; establishing a certain one-time registration fee for
5 military surplus vehicles; requiring an owner of a military surplus vehicle to submit
6 with the registration application a certain certification relating to the purposes for
7 which the vehicle will be operated; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration,
8 when registering a military surplus vehicle, to assign the vehicle a certain
9 distinguishing number and to issue to the owner a certain plate bearing the
10 distinguishing number; requiring the owner of a registered military surplus vehicle
11 to attach the plate to the vehicle in a certain manner; requiring an applicant for the
12 registration of a military surplus vehicle to provide certain proof that the vehicle has
13 passed a certain safety inspection; requiring the Administration, in consultation
14 with certain persons, to develop a safety inspection and a safety inspection process
15 for military surplus vehicles; establishing that a military surplus vehicle registered
16 under a different registration classification on the effective date of this Act may
17 continue to be registered under that classification under certain circumstances;
18 authorizing and prohibiting certain uses for a military surplus vehicle; defining
19 “military surplus vehicle”; and generally relating to the registration and operation
20 of military surplus vehicles.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 11–133.1, 13–424, and 21–1132

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

28 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-133.1.

2 "MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE" MEANS A WHEELED, MULTIPURPOSE
3 VEHICLE, INCLUDING A TRAILER, THAT:

4 (1) WAS MANUFACTURED FOR MILITARY USE BY OR UNDER THE
5 DIRECTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR THE ARMED FORCES OF
6 ANOTHER COUNTRY; AND

7 (2) SUBSEQUENTLY WAS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE TO CIVILIANS.

8 13-424.

9 (A) A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE SHALL BE REGISTERED UNDER THIS
10 SECTION.

11 (B) FOR EACH MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE, THERE SHALL BE A ONE-TIME
12 REGISTRATION FEE OF \$51.

13 (C) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF
14 A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A
15 CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE:

16 (1) WILL BE OPERATED ONLY:

17 (I) IN OFF-HIGHWAY EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, ON-HIGHWAY
18 CLUB ACTIVITIES, PARADES, TOURS, AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS;

19 (II) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENTS
20 DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM;

21 (III) ON OCCASIONAL PLEASURE TRIPS; OR

22 (IV) TO FACILITATE THE SALE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE
23 VEHICLE; AND

24 (2) WILL NOT BE OPERATED:

25 (I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION;

26 (II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR
27 PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS;

1 (III) FOR EMPLOYMENT;

2 (IV) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EMPLOYMENT OR
3 SCHOOL; OR

4 (V) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

5 (D) (1) WHEN REGISTERING A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE UNDER THIS
6 SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

7 (I) ASSIGN A DISTINGUISHING NUMBER TO THE VEHICLE; AND

8 (II) ISSUE TO ITS OWNER A STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE
9 BEARING THE DISTINGUISHING NUMBER.

10 (2) THE OWNER SHALL ATTACH THE STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE TO
11 THE MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE AS THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES.

12 (E) (1) AN APPLICANT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A MILITARY SURPLUS
13 VEHICLE SHALL PROVIDE PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE
14 MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE HAS PASSED A SAFETY INSPECTION.

15 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH MILITARY
16 SURPLUS VEHICLE OWNERS IN THE STATE, SHALL DEVELOP A SAFETY INSPECTION
17 AND A SAFETY INSPECTION PROCESS FOR MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLES.

18 (F) (1) A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT
19 REGISTRATION CLASS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020, MAY CONTINUE TO BE
20 REGISTERED UNDER THAT REGISTRATION CLASS.

21 (2) IF A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A
22 DIFFERENT REGISTRATION CLASS IS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW OWNER, THE VEHICLE
23 SHALL BE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 21-1132.

25 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OPERATE A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE ONLY:

26 (1) IN OFF-HIGHWAY EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, ON-HIGHWAY CLUB
27 ACTIVITIES, PARADES, TOURS, AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS;

28 (2) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENTS DESCRIBED IN

1 **ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

2 **(3) FOR OCCASIONAL PLEASURE TRIPS; AND**

3 **(4) TO FACILITATE THE SALE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE MILITARY**
4 **SURPLUS VEHICLE.**

5 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE:**

6 **(1) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION;**

7 **(2) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR**
8 **PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS;**

9 **(3) FOR EMPLOYMENT;**

10 **(4) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM EMPLOYMENT OR SCHOOL;**
11 **OR**

12 **(5) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.**

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect
14 **October 1, 2020.**