

HOUSE BILL 847

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – “In God We Trust”**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
4 available a specially designed registration plate using the phrase “In God We
5 Trust”; specifying the vehicles that are eligible for the registration plate;
6 requiring the owner of a vehicle issued the registration plate to pay certain fees;
7 restricting the amount and use of fees paid for registration plates under this
8 Act; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally
9 relating to registration plates using the phrase “In God We Trust”.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 13–619.3

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **13–619.3.**

19 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR**
20 **QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE USING**
21 **THE PHRASE “IN GOD WE TRUST”.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A**
2 **LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN**
3 **EMPLOYEE, OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE**
4 **CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE**
5 **ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR A SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE**
6 **UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**
7 **CLASSES:**

8 **(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

9 **(2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;**

10 **(3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S**
11 **RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;**

12 **(4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;**

13 **(5) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR**

14 **(6) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

15 **(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**
16 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A**
17 **REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY A FEE ESTABLISHED BY**
18 **THE ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME NEW REGISTRATION PLATES ARE ISSUED FOR**
19 **THE VEHICLE.**

20 **(2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS**
21 **NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT**
22 **UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.**

23 **(3) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION**
24 **MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE**
25 **ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

26 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN**
27 **THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2012.