

HOUSE BILL 68

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By: Delegate Stewart

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Special Registration Plates – Old Line Plates**
3 **(Old Line Plate Program Act of 2026)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
5 available an Old Line Plate with a certain numeric-only registration number for
6 certain motor vehicles; and generally relating to special vehicle registration plates.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–619.5

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 **13–619.5.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “OLD LINE NUMBER” MEANS A NUMERIC-ONLY VEHICLE**
19 **REGISTRATION NUMBER CONSISTING OF ONE TO FIVE DIGITS, WITHOUT LETTERS,**
20 **PUNCTUATION, OR LEADING ZEROS.**

21 **(3) “OLD LINE PLATE” MEANS A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED**
22 **UNDER THIS SECTION BEARING AN OLD LINE NUMBER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) "QUALIFYING VEHICLE" MEANS:**

2 **(I) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

3 **(II) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS**
4 **VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 10,000 POUNDS OR LESS;**

5 **(III) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE; OR**

6 **(IV) ANY OTHER CLASS OF VEHICLE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION**
7 **DESIGNATES BY REGULATION.**

8 **(5) "REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT" MEANS A REVOCABLE,**
9 **TRANSFERABLE AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A**
10 **PARTICULAR OLD LINE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE REGISTRATION OF A**
11 **QUALIFYING VEHICLE.**

12 **(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE**
13 **FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES AN OLD LINE PLATE.**

14 **(2) (1) THE STATE SHALL RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF ALL OLD LINE**
15 **PLATES.**

16 **(II) A HOLDER OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT DOES NOT**
17 **HAVE PROPERTY INTEREST IN AN OLD LINE PLATE.**

18 **(3) AN OLD LINE PLATE SHALL RESEMBLE THE WHITE CHARACTERS**
19 **ON BLACK BACKGROUND REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED BY THE STATE FOR DISPLAY**
20 **ON A MOTOR VEHICLE IN 1911.**

21 **(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF**
22 **UNASSIGNED OLD LINE NUMBERS.**

23 **(2) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
24 **PARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REASSIGN AN ACTIVE NUMERIC-ONLY**
25 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER TO BE AN OLD LINE NUMBER.**

26 **(II) ON REQUEST OF A HOLDER OF AN ACTIVE NUMERIC-ONLY**
27 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER AND PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE**
28 **REPLACEMENT FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-952 OF THIS TITLE, THE**
29 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

1 **1. ISSUE THE HOLDER A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT;**

2 AND

3 **2. EXCHANGE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT**

4 **REGISTRATION PLATE WITH AN OLD LINE PLATE BEARING THE HOLDER'S CURRENT**

5 **REGISTRATION NUMBER.**

6 **(D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

7 **(I) ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A PUBLIC AUCTION PROGRAM TO**

8 **AWARD REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHTS IN OLD LINE NUMBERS; AND**

9 **(II) ADOPT RESERVE PRICES, BID INCREMENTS, BIDDER**

10 **QUALIFICATIONS, AND OFFER NUMBER CATEGORIES.**

11 **(2) AN AUCTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE LIVE, ONLINE,**

12 **OR BY SEALED BID AND SHALL BE CONDUCTED PERIODICALLY OR ON A ROLLING**

13 **BASIS.**

14 **(E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**

15 **ADMINISTRATION MAY TRANSFER A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT AND ISSUE A**

16 **NEW, IDENTICAL OLD LINE PLATE TO ANOTHER VEHICLE REGISTRANT ON**

17 **APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF A TRANSFER FEE DETERMINED BY THE**

18 **ADMINISTRATION.**

19 **(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A**

20 **REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT FOR AN OLD LINE NUMBER NOT ASSIGNED TO A**

21 **QUALIFYING VEHICLE FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS SHALL REVERT TO THE**

22 **ADMINISTRATION 60 DAYS AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE IS SENT TO THE REGISTRANT'S**

23 **LAST ADDRESS ON FILE.**

24 **(II) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY**

25 **AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME DELAY ON REVERSION OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT**

26 **FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS.**

27 **(3) A REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED**

28 **WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER ITS INITIAL ISSUANCE OR MOST RECENT TRANSFER.**

29 **(4) NOT MORE THAN ONE TRANSFER OF A SINGLE REGISTRATION**

30 **NUMBER RIGHT MAY OCCUR DURING ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD UNLESS THE**

31 **TRANSFER:**

32 **(I) IS TO OR FROM THE ESTATE OF A DECEASED HOLDER;**

(II) IS TO A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, PARENT, CHILD, OR
SIBLING OF THE HOLDER OF THE RIGHT; OR

6 (F) (1) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A
7 REGISTRATION NUMBER RIGHT FOR FRAUD OR MISUSE, NONPAYMENT OF REQUIRED
8 FEES, OR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION.

14 **(2) UPON REVOCATION OR SURRENDER OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER**
15 **RIGHT, THE RIGHT SHALL REVERT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE OLD LINE**
16 **NUMBER MAY BE RE-AUCTIONED.**

17 (G) FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

21 (H) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
22 THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Administration shall
24 conduct the first auction of Old Line Numbers not later than December 1, 2026.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2026.