

SENATE BILL 227

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(PRE-FILED)

By: Senator Ellis

Requested: October 30, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Parking – Disabled Veteran Special Registration Plates**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an
4 ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor
5 vehicle in a parking space served by a parking meter if the motor vehicle has disabled
6 veteran special registration plates; prohibiting a State agency from adopting or
7 enforcing a regulation or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor
8 vehicle in a parking lot owned or controlled by the State agency if the motor vehicle
9 has disabled veteran special registration plates; and generally relating to parking by
10 motor vehicles that have disabled veteran special registration plates.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 26–301(b)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 26–301(c)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 26–301(c–1)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 26–301.

5 (b) Subject to [subsection (c)] **SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (C-1)** of this section, any
6 State agency authorized by law and any political subdivision of this State may adopt
7 ordinances or regulations that:

8 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

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

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

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

15 (c) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation
16 that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle within a space served by a single
17 parking meter.

18 **(C-1) (1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE AN**
19 **ORDINANCE, A REGULATION, OR A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR**
20 **PARKING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN AN ON-STREET PARKING SPACE SERVED BY A**
21 **PARKING METER IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL**
22 **REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

23 **(2) A STATE AGENCY MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A REGULATION**
24 **OR A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR PARKING A MOTOR VEHICLE**
25 **IN A PARKING LOT OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE AGENCY IF THE MOTOR**
26 **VEHICLE HAS DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE**
27 **ADMINISTRATION.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2026.