

# HOUSE BILL 1148

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By: **Delegates Hornberger and Arikan**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## 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**

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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;

(III) FOR EMPLOYMENT;

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

(V) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21-1132.

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

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

(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)    PRIMARY 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.