SENATE BILL 397

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Military Vehicles – Registration and Operation

- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register certain military vehicles; providing for the registration classification of military vehicles; 4 $\mathbf{5}$ establishing certain standards and procedures for the registration of military 6 vehicles; requiring an owner of a military vehicle to submit with the registration 7 application a certain certification relating to the purposes for which the vehicle will be operated; requiring the Administration, in consultation with certain persons, to 8 9 develop a safety inspection and a safety inspection process for military vehicles; and 10 generally relating to the registration and operation of military vehicles.
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Transportation
- 13 Section 13–936.3
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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Article – Transportation

19 **13–936.3.**

20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "MILITARY VEHICLE" MEANS A WHEELED,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1	MULTIPURPOSE VEHICLE, INCLUDING A TRAILER, THAT:
$2 \\ 3$	(1) WAS MANUFACTURED FOR MILITARY USE BY OR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR THE ARMED FORCES OF
3 4	ANOTHER COUNTRY;
5	(2) SUBSEQUENTLY WAS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE TO CIVILIANS;
6	(3) MEETS FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS; AND
7 8	(4) HAS A VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR A UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE MANUFACTURER.
9	(B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION,
$\frac{10}{11}$	EVERY MILITARY VEHICLE IS A CLASS MV-C (MILITARY VEHICLE-COLLECTORS) VEHICLE.
12	(C) FOR EACH MILITARY VEHICLE, THERE IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION
13	FEE OF \$51.
14	(D) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF A MILITARY VEHICLE UNDER THIS
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:
17	(1) WILL BE OPERATED ONLY:
18 19	(I) IN OFF-HIGHWAY EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, ON-HIGHWAY CLUB ACTIVITIES, PARADES, TOURS, AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS;
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(II) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM;
22	(III) ON OCCASIONAL PLEASURE TRIPS; OR
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	(IV) TO FACILITATE THE SALE OR MAINTENANCE OF THE VEHICLE; AND
25	(2) WILL NOT BE OPERATED:
26	(I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION;
27	(II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR
28	PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS;

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1 (III) FOR EMPLOYMENT; $\mathbf{2}$ (IV) FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EMPLOYMENT OR 3 SCHOOL; OR 4 **(V)** FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. $\mathbf{5}$ **(E)** (1) WHEN REGISTERING A MILITARY VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, 6 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL: 7 **(I)** ASSIGN A DISTINGUISHING NUMBER TO THE VEHICLE; AND ISSUE TO ITS OWNER A STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE 8 (II) 9 BEARING THE DISTINGUISHING NUMBER. (2) 10 THE OWNER SHALL ATTACH THE STAMPED OR SPECIAL PLATE TO THE MILITARY VEHICLE AS THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES. 11 12**(F)** (1) AN APPLICANT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A MILITARY VEHICLE 13SHALL PROVIDE PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE 14HAS PASSED A SAFETY INSPECTION. ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH 15(2) THE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE AND MILITARY VEHICLE OWNERS IN THE STATE. 16 SHALL DEVELOP A SAFETY INSPECTION AND A SAFETY INSPECTION PROCESS FOR 1718 MILITARY VEHICLES. 19 (G) (1) A MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT REGISTRATION CLASS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, MAY CONTINUE TO BE 20**REGISTERED UNDER THAT REGISTRATION CLASS.** 21(2) 22IF A MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT 23**REGISTRATION CLASS IS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW OWNER, THE MILITARY VEHICLE** 24SHALL BE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 26 October 1, 2024.