

HOUSE BILL 1459

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Fee Exemptions – Military Honorees**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting recipients of the Purple Heart, the Medal of Honor, the
4 Silver Star, or the Bronze Star and members of Gold Star families from the
5 requirement to pay vehicle registration fees; and generally relating to vehicle
6 registration fee exemptions.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–903(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 13–903.

16 (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the registration fees specified in this
17 subtitle:

18 (1) A vehicle that is owned and operated by the United States, this State,
19 or any political subdivision of this State;

20 (2) A vehicle that is owned by a volunteer fire company incorporated in this
21 State or by a rescue squad and that is used for firefighting or ambulance purposes;

22 (3) A canteen wagon of a recognized fire buff organization, as certified by

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the International Fire Buffs Association;

2 (4) A vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air Patrol;

3 (5) A vehicle owned and operated by a unit of a national veterans'
4 organization;

5 (6) A vehicle owned and operated by a Maryland chapter of the American
6 Red Cross;

7 (7) A motor vehicle and trailer known as the "40-8 box car" that is owned
8 and operated only for social or charitable purposes by any voiture of the Forty and Eight of
9 the American Legion, Department of Maryland;

10 (8) A vehicle owned by, or leased to, and personally used by a veteran who:

11 (i) As designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration, has
12 lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, or is totally disabled; or

13 (ii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

14 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,
15 with corrective glasses; or

16 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has
17 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular
18 distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;

19 (9) A vehicle owned and personally used by an individual who is the
20 surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as defined under § 7-208 of the Tax –
21 Property Article; [and]

22 (10) **A VEHICLE OWNED BY, OR LEASED TO, AND PERSONALLY USED BY**
23 **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:**

24 (I) **A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT;**

25 (II) **A MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT;**

26 (III) **A SILVER STAR RECIPIENT;**

27 (IV) **A BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT; OR**

28 (V) **A MEMBER OF A GOLD STAR FAMILY; AND**

29 (11) A Type I or Type II school vehicle owned and operated by a religious

1 organization.

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