

HOUSE BILL 1495

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore County to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle
4 owned by a new resident of the State who fails to register the vehicle with the Motor
5 Vehicle Administration and display valid registration plates issued by the
6 Administration within a certain time period; and generally relating to towing,
7 removal, and impounding of improperly registered out-of-state vehicles in
8 Baltimore County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–402(a) and (c)(7) and 26–301(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 26–301(b–1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 13–402.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
2 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on
3 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

4 (2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is not
5 registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:

6 (i) Public alley, street, or highway; or

7 (ii) Private property used by the public in general, including parking
8 lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments.

9 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a
10 motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13-402.1 of this
11 subtitle.

12 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

13 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days
14 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the
15 resident's former domicile;

16 26-301.

17 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any State agency authorized by law
18 and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

19 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

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

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

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

26 **(B-1) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.**

27 **(2) BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY TOW, REMOVE, OR IMPOUND A VEHICLE**
28 **OWNED BY A NEW RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO FAILS TO REGISTER THE VEHICLE**
29 **WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY**
30 **THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN 60 DAYS AS REQUIRED UNDER § 13-402 OF THIS**
31 **ARTICLE.**

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