

# HOUSE BILL 613

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Fines and Fees – Possession, Display, or Renewal of Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the fine for failing to possess a vehicle registration card while  
4 driving or to display a vehicle registration card during a traffic stop; authorizing a  
5 court to waive a fine imposed under this Act; authorizing the Motor Vehicle  
6 Administration to charge a certain late fee for registration renewals that occur more  
7 than a certain period of time after a registration has expired; providing for a delayed  
8 effective date; and generally relating to fines and fees related to vehicle registration.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 13–409  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 13–910  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 13–409.

23 (a) An individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall carry a registration  
24 card in the vehicle to which the registration card refers.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) On demand of a police officer who identifies himself as a police officer, an  
2 individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall display a registration card that  
3 refers to the vehicle.

4 (c) An individual may satisfy subsection (a) or (b) of this section by carrying in  
5 the vehicle and making available a valid rental agreement in place of a registration card in  
6 the case of a rental vehicle that is:

7 (1) Rented under the provisions of Title 18 of this article; or

8 (2) Rented or leased for a period not exceeding 180 days and registered in  
9 another state.

10 (d) This section does not apply if the card is being used to apply for the transfer  
11 of registration of the vehicle.

12 **(E) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A**  
13 **FINE OF \$10.**

14 **(2) THE COURT MAY WAIVE A FINE IMPOSED UNDER THIS**  
15 **PARAGRAPH.**

16 **13-910.**

17 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CHARGE A LATE FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$25**  
18 **FOR THE RENEWAL OF A REGISTRATION THAT OCCURS MORE THAN 1 WEEK AFTER**  
19 **THE REGISTRATION HAS EXPIRED.**

20 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PAY 50% OF THE LATE FEES COLLECTED**  
21 **UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2021.