

# HOUSE BILL 343

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By: **Delegates Angel and Frush**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Special Deafness Registration Plate**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make  
4 available a specially designed deafness registration plate; requiring that the  
5 registration plate include a certain symbol; prescribing who may apply for and the  
6 classes of vehicles eligible for the registration plate; providing the manner in which  
7 fees will be established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration  
8 plate; and generally relating to the special deafness registration plate.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 13–616.3

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **13–616.3.**

18 **(A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE**  
19 **FOR QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED DEAFNESS REGISTRATION**  
20 **PLATE.**

21 **(2) THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL**  
22 **INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL FOR DEAFNESS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, A LESSEE OF A VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE NOT**  
2 **INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN EMPLOYEE, OR A**  
3 **PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE MAY APPLY TO THE**  
4 **ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS**  
5 **SECTION IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF**  
6 **OR A LICENSED PHYSICIAN CERTIFIES THAT THE APPLICANT IS DEAF OR HARD OF**  
7 **HEARING.**

8           **(C) A VEHICLE QUALIFIES FOR A REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS**  
9 **SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

10                   **(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

11                   **(2) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;**

12                   **(3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED**  
13 **CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS; OR**

14                   **(4) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

15           **(D) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**  
16 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION**  
17 **PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY, WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE**  
18 **REGISTRATION PLATE AND EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, A**  
19 **FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS**  
20 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2017.