

Chapter 71

**(House Bill 497)**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Excise Tax – Exemption – Active Duty Military**

FOR the purpose of exempting a vehicle owned by a member of the military on active duty or who returns to the State from active duty from the vehicle excise tax under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an exemption from the vehicle excise tax for active duty military members.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–809(c)(3)(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–810(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

13–809.

(c) (3) (i) [1. In this subparagraph, “military” includes the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

2.] If the vehicle was formerly titled and registered in another state and the present owner has paid a sales or excise tax to that state at a rate less than that imposed by this State, then the tax imposed shall apply but at a rate measured by the difference only between the tax rate paid to the other state and the tax rate imposed by this section, if the present owner[:

A. Has] **HAS** not been a Maryland resident for more than 60 days[;

B. Is a member of the military on active duty and has not

been a Maryland resident for more than 1 year; or

C. Is a Maryland resident who is a member of the military returning to Maryland from, or on, active duty and who applies for titling and registration in Maryland no more than 1 year after returning].

13–810.

**(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “MILITARY” INCLUDES THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.**

**(2) A VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS PART ON ISSUANCE OF AN ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IF THE VEHICLE:**

**(I) IS OWNED BY A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY OR WHO RETURNS TO THE STATE FROM ACTIVE DUTY; AND**

**(II) WAS FORMERLY TITLED AND REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE BY THE PRESENT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2022.**