

HB0219/503822/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 219

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Addison**” and substitute “**Delegates Addison, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Healey, Holmes, Lehman, R. Lewis, J. Long, T. Morgan, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler**”; in line 2, strike “**Baltimore City**” and substitute “**Vehicle Laws**”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “period” in line 6 and substitute “**establishing a certain process for bringing vehicles owned by State residents that are improperly registered in another state into compliance with the Maryland Vehicle Law**”; strike beginning with “towing” in line 6 down through “of” in line 7; and in line 7, strike “in Baltimore City”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 23 through 28, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B-1) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED FOR IN THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW, IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A VEHICLE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE VEHICLE, THE VEHICLE OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A WARNING REQUIRING THE VEHICLE OWNER, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE WARNING, TO:

(i) PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; OR

(II) PROVIDE PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE.

(2) (I) IF THE VEHICLE OWNER PROVIDES PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE, IF APPLICABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE VEHICLE OWNER SHALL OBTAIN AND DISPLAY ON THE VEHICLE A NONRESIDENT PERMIT ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(II) IF, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF A WARNING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE VEHICLE OWNER FAILS TO PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ON THE VEHICLE OR PROVIDE PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT REGISTRATION IN THE STATE IS NOT REQUIRED, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ASSESS A CIVIL FINE AGAINST THE VEHICLE OF \$7 PER DAY FOR UP TO 60 DAYS OR UNTIL THE VEHICLE IS PROPERLY REGISTERED AND DISPLAYING VALID REGISTRATION PLATES OR THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION IN THE STATE.

(3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL JURISDICTION IF A VEHICLE OWNER FAILS, WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF A WARNING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, TO PROPERLY REGISTER THE VEHICLE AND DISPLAY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES ON THE VEHICLE OR SATISFY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION IN THE STATE.

(II) THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN REM AGAINST A VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE VEHICLE OWNER FAILS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO PROPERLY REGISTER AND DISPLAY

VALID REGISTRATION PLATES OR TO SATISFY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION IN THE STATE.

(III) IN A CIVIL ACTION IN REM BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY SEEK IMMOBILIZATION OF THE VEHICLE BY TOWING OR REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT, OR BOOTING."