

HB 1076 Vehicle Laws - Electronic or Digital 24-Hour Registration
Sponsored by Delegate Wivell

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue an electronic or digital 24-hour registration authorizing an owner of a vehicle to operate the vehicle on a highway in the State.

My name is Marilee Kerns, I'm a resident of Boonsboro, Maryland. I work for an auctioneer and due to our location, we have customers from the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia. A customer from Virginia pointed out that their state offers a "trip pass" for someone to move a motor vehicle from one location to another. This is a temporary pass with a small fee and only valid for a short term. They can obtain the pass online with a valid Virginia State Driver's license, proof of insurance and the vehicle identification number.

I spoke to Delegate Wivell stating this would be a service to citizens of Maryland. It can generate some revenue for the state and offer a needed service.

For example, at an estate sale with a vehicle, the buyer does not necessarily get the title at auction, due to an estate attorney, the need for a death certificate, a bill of sale and signatures from personal representative(s), but generally the desire to have the vehicle moved immediately is there. A Maryland buyer has no way to move the vehicle except for towing or hauling – an added expense.

At a bankruptcy auction, vehicles are sold, but titles are not available until attorneys and court rulings have taken place, but again, the vehicles must be moved soon.

There are auto auctions in the neighboring states near me, Mason Dixon Auto Auction, Gettysburg Auto Auction, Winchester Auto Auction where the public can go and purchase vehicles. Again, the need to transport the vehicle exists.

If a resident across town has their vehicle for sale in their yard, this would give the buyer an option to get the car home quickly and inexpensively that evening or weekend when the DMV is closed.

A trip pass would allow a Maryland resident to legally move the vehicle to their home or business, a garage, an inspection station, etc. without the cost of towing or hauling or chancing moving the vehicle illegally. I believe most Maryland residents desire to move the vehicles legally and giving them an affordable option would be a citizen service.

This in no way competes with new or used car dealers, as these avenues of purchasing vehicles exist now and have existed for years. It gives a Maryland driver an alternative, will help to limit illegal moving of vehicles, and offers Maryland residents what a neighboring state does.

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