

# Maryland Register

Issue Date: November 15, 2013  
Volume 40 • Issue 23 • Pages 1901-2004

## Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION—VEHICLE REGISTRATION

### 11.15.11 Registration Transfer

Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b), 13-410, 13-501[, 13-502]—13-502.1, and 13-503.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[13-365-P]

The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration proposes to amend Regulation .02 and adopt new Regulation .03 under COMAR 11.15.11 Registration Transfer.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend regulations to allow individuals to transfer plates to a newly acquired vehicle without having to sell, trade, junk, or dispose of the vehicle from which the plates are to be transferred from. These amendments also clarify the transferring of registration plates under a different classification.

#### Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Tracey C. Sheffield, Regulations Coordinator, Motor Vehicle Administration, 6601 Ritchie Highway N.E., Room 200, Glen Burnie, MD 21062, or call 410-768-7545, or email to tsheffield@mdot.state.md.us, or fax to 410-768-7506. Comments will be accepted through December 16, 2013. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### .02 Transfer of Registration Plates — *Same Class Vehicles Only.*

A. Registration plates acquired by any person, for any vehicle owned by that person, may be transferred to a newly acquired vehicle provided:

(1) *Except as provided in Transportation Article, §13-503.1(b)(5), Annotated Code of Maryland, [The] the ownership of the newly acquired vehicle has not changed from the name in which the plates [were originally] are currently issued, [except as provided in Transportation Article, §13-503.1(b)(5), Annotated Code of Maryland];*

(2) *The vehicle classification of the newly acquired vehicle is identical to the classification of the vehicle to which the plates [were originally] are currently issued; and*

(3) *The [vehicle from which the plates are to be transferred has been sold, traded, junked, or otherwise disposed of] registration and transfer fee as set forth in COMAR 11.11.05.04 is paid in full.*

*B. If registration plates are transferred and less than 12 months remain in the registration year, the Administration may renew the registration plates for 1 year in addition to the period remaining on the original registration term.*

*[B.] C. Substitute registration plates may be issued for unrecovered plates on an unrecovered stolen vehicle, provided [this] the Administration has a record of the stolen vehicle. The substitute plates may then be transferred [to a newly acquired vehicle] pursuant to this regulation.*

#### .03 Repurchase of Registration Plates — *Different Class Vehicle.*

A. *Registration plates acquired by any person, for any vehicle owned by that person, may be repurchased and registered to a newly acquired vehicle of a different class provided:*

*(1) Except as provided in §B of this regulation and Transportation Article, §13-503.1(b)(5), Annotated Code of Maryland, the ownership of the newly acquired vehicle has not changed from the name in which the plates are currently issued;*

*(2) The full registration and surcharge fees for the new vehicle classification as set forth in Transportation Article, Title 13, Subtitle 9 are paid in full; and*

# Maryland Register

**Issue Date: November 15, 2013**

Volume 40 • Issue 23 • Pages 1901-2004

*(3) The application is approved by the Administration.*

*B. A personalized registration plate may be repurchased and reassigned to an individual other than the current personalized registration plate owner provided:*

*(1) The applicant submits with the application the current personalized registration plate owners signature relinquishing the personalized plate; and*

*(2) The applicant pays the fees required by A(2) of this regulation.*

*C. Substitute registration plates may be issued for unrecovered plates on an unrecovered stolen vehicle provided the Administration has a record of the stolen vehicle. The substitute plates may then be repurchased and registered pursuant to this regulation.*

JOHN T. KUO  
Administrator  
Motor Vehicle Administration