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Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION — VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Chapter 11 Registration Transfer

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

.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 *within the same classification* provided:

(1) (texted unchanged)

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

(3) (texted unchanged)

B. *Registration plates may be transferred to a newly acquired vehicle outside of the same classification provided:*

(1) *Except as provided in TR § 13-503.1(b)(5) the ownership of the newly acquired vehicle has not changed from the name in which the plates are currently issued;*

(2) *The vehicle classification of the newly acquired vehicle is class A, E, OR M;*

(3) *The vehicle classification of the vehicle to which the plates are currently issued is class A, E, OR M; and*

(4) *The registration and transfer fee as set forth in COMAR 11.11.05.04 is paid in full.*

[B.]C. —[C.]D. (text unchanged)

[.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

(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.]

.03 Transfer of Registration plates – Surviving Spouse.

A. *Registration plates may be transferred to a surviving spouse upon completion of a title transfer pursuant to COMAR 11.15.14.05.*

B. *The Administration shall not impose a tag transfer fee if the vehicle is being transferred to a surviving spouse.*

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