

SENATE BILL 285

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Fee Due to Outstanding Warrant – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain fee required to be assessed by the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration against an applicant for registration of a motor vehicle who had
5 previously been refused due to an outstanding warrant; and generally relating to
6 vehicle registration and outstanding warrants.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 13–406.1(b) and (f)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 13–406.1(i)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 13–406.1(j) and (k)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–406.1.

(b) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, on notification by a law enforcement agency that an applicant for vehicle registration is named in an outstanding warrant, the Administration shall refuse to register or transfer the registration of any vehicle owned by the applicant.

(f) (1) The Administration shall continue the refusal to register or transfer the registration of a vehicle owned by an individual named in an outstanding warrant until:

(i) The Administration is ordered by a court to register or transfer the registration of the vehicle; or

(ii) A law enforcement agency notifies the Administration that:

1. The individual named in the outstanding warrant has been arrested; or

2. The outstanding warrant has been otherwise satisfied.

(2) On receipt of an order or notice under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Administration shall allow the applicant to register the vehicle or transfer the registration unless the registration or transfer has been restricted under any other provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

[(i) (1) In addition to any other fee or penalty provided by law, the owner of a vehicle refused registration under this section shall pay a fee established by the Administration before renewal of the registration of the vehicle.

(2) The fee under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be retained by the Administration and may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8–403 or § 8–404 of this article.]

[(j) (I) The procedures specified in this section are in addition to any other penalty provided by law for the failure to meet the demands specified in a warrant.

[(k) (J) This section may not be construed to require the Administration to arrest a person named in an outstanding warrant.

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

1 October 1, 2024.