

HOUSE BILL 1447

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By: **Delegate Fair**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Improper Registration – Investigation and**
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement a certain
5 system for collecting certain information and determining certain addresses;
6 authorizing the Administration to conduct certain investigations and assess certain
7 penalties; authorizing the Administration to enter into contracts with private parties
8 to procure certain services of independent agents; and generally relating to
9 improperly registered vehicles in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 17–112

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **17–112.**

19 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM**
20 **TO COLLECT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THE ADDRESS TO WHICH A CONTRACT**
21 **FOR THE REQUIRED SECURITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS CONNECTED.**

22 **(B) (1) IF THE INFORMATION COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**
23 **THIS SECTION INDICATES THAT THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE IS RESIDENT OF THE**
24 **STATE AND THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE, THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ADMINISTRATION MAY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
2 THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 (2) IF THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES, AFTER CONDUCTING AN
4 INVESTIGATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT THE OWNER OF
5 THE VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY
6 REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, THE ADMINISTRATION:

7 (I) SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE TO THE
8 OWNER OF THE VEHICLE; AND

9 (II) MAY ASSESS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WITH A PENALTY
10 OF \$150.

11 (C) IF, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)
12 OF THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY
13 REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY,
14 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, ASSESS THE
15 OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WITH A PENALTY OF \$500.

16 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEPOSIT PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER
17 THIS SECTION IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

18 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE
19 PARTIES TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT AGENTS TO ASSIST IN
20 CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.