

CHAPTER 254

(Senate Bill 670)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3-829 (a) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 3. Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part VIII. Fees Connected with Registration and Titling," to exempt authorized canteen wagons of recognized fire buff organizations from paying registration fees pursuant to this subtitle.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3-829 (a) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 3. Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part VIII. Fees Connected with Registration and Titling," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3-829.

(a) All vehicles owned and used by the United States, the State of Maryland, or any city, town, village, or county of this State, and all vehicles owned and used for personal or official purposes by accredited consular or diplomatic officers of foreign governments, which officers are nationals of the state by which they are appointed and are not citizens of the United States, and by any incorporated volunteer fire company incorporated in this State or rescue squad and used for fire-fighting or ambulance purposes, *all authorized canteen wagons of recognized fire buff organizations AS CERTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFFS ASSOCIATION,* and all motor vehicles owned and used personally by veterans who have either lost or lost the use of one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, or who are blind, and all vehicles owned and used by the Civil Air Patrol, are exempted from the provisions of this subtitle requiring the payment of registration fees. The vehicles shall display identification markers approved by the Commissioner and the identification markers or other insignia on the vehicles of veterans who have either lost or lost the use of one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, shall indicate that they have been so designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration; and for the purposes of this subsection a person shall be considered blind if he has a permanent impairment of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

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