

# SENATE BILL 497

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By: **Senator Glassman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Classifications – ~~Special~~ Class G Farm or**  
3 **Livestock Trailer or Semitrailer**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the special Class G livestock trailer or semitrailer~~  
5 ~~motor vehicle registration classification; authorizing the Motor Vehicle~~  
6 ~~Administration to issue a Class G livestock trailer and semitrailer registration~~  
7 ~~only to an applicant who certifies that the vehicle is used exclusively to~~  
8 ~~transport livestock and for a vehicle that has a certain maximum gross weight~~  
9 ~~limitation; establishing the annual registration fee for the Class G livestock~~  
10 ~~trailer or semitrailer; prohibiting a Class G livestock trailer or semitrailer from~~  
11 ~~being used for hire, subject to a certain exception, or from being used in any~~  
12 ~~manner other than to haul livestock; defining a certain term; and generally~~  
13 ~~relating to the establishment of the special Class G livestock trailer or~~  
14 ~~semitrailer motor vehicle registration classification altering the Class G farm~~  
15 ~~trailer or semitrailer motor vehicle registration classification to include a~~  
16 ~~livestock trailer or semitrailer; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to~~  
17 ~~issue a Class G farm or livestock trailer or semitrailer registration to an~~  
18 ~~applicant who certifies that the applicant is a farmer, an agricultural producer,~~  
19 ~~or a livestock exhibitor and that the vehicle is to be used for a certain purpose;~~  
20 ~~altering certain motor vehicle registration fees; prohibiting a Class G farm or~~  
21 ~~livestock trailer or semitrailer from being used for hire, except under certain~~  
22 ~~circumstances; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to a special~~  
23 ~~Class G farm or livestock trailer or semitrailer motor vehicle registration~~  
24 ~~classification.~~

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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.



1 BY ~~adding to~~ repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

2 Article – Transportation

3 Section ~~13-929~~ 13-930

4 Annotated Code of Maryland

5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Transportation**

9 ~~13-929.~~

10 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “LIVESTOCK TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER” MEANS A~~  
11 ~~VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT LIVESTOCK THAT IS A CLASS G (TRAILER)~~  
12 ~~VEHICLE.~~

13 ~~(B) ON APPLICATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL~~  
14 ~~CLASS G LIVESTOCK TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER REGISTRATION ONLY:~~

15 ~~(1) TO AN APPLICANT WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE VEHICLE FOR~~  
16 ~~WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE IS A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER USED~~  
17 ~~EXCLUSIVELY TO TRANSPORT LIVESTOCK; AND~~

18 ~~(2) FOR A VEHICLE THAT HAS A MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT~~  
19 ~~LIMITATION OF 5,000 POUNDS.~~

20 ~~(C) FOR EACH CLASS G LIVESTOCK TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER, THE~~  
21 ~~ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS \$12.75.~~

22 ~~(D) A CLASS G LIVESTOCK TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER MAY NOT BE~~  
23 ~~USED:~~

24 ~~(1) FOR HIRE, EXCEPT TO HAUL LIVESTOCK FOR ANOTHER~~  
25 ~~FARMER; OR~~

26 ~~(2) IN ANY MANNER OTHER THAN TO HAUL LIVESTOCK.~~

27 13-930.

28 (a) In this section, “farm OR LIVESTOCK trailer or semitrailer” means a  
29 farm vehicle OR A VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT LIVESTOCK that is a Class G  
30 (trailer) vehicle.

1           **(b) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class G “farm OR**  
 2 **LIVESTOCK trailer or semitrailer” registration to any applicant who certifies:**

3                   **(1) That the applicant is a farmer, AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER,**  
 4 **OR A LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR; and**

5                   **(2) That the vehicle for which the application is made is a farm OR**  
 6 **LIVESTOCK trailer or semitrailer, specifying its proposed use.**

7           **(c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, for each farm OR LIVESTOCK**  
 8 **trailer or semitrailer, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross**  
 9 **weight limitations for the vehicle, as follows:**

<u>Maximum Gross Weight</u>	<u>Limit (in Pounds)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
	<del>[3,000]</del> <b>5,000</b>	<del>\$ 12.75</del>
	<del>[5,000</del>	<del>25.50]</del>
	<del>10,000</del>	<del>[40.00]</del> <b>20.00</b>
	<del>20,000</del>	<del>[62.00]</del> <b>31.00</b>

16           **(d) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used for hire except to**  
 17 **haul farm products OR LIVESTOCK for another farmer.**

18           **(e) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used in any manner**  
 19 **other than as a farm OR LIVESTOCK trailer or semitrailer.**

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 21 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.