



## New License Plate Slogan is Possible



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ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) -- Maryland drivers may soon advertise the state as the "Home of Our National Anthem."

The state Senate unanimously approved a bill Friday that would have most plates carry the slogan starting October 1st. The measure would exclude special registration plates such as those honoring military service.

Maryland last displayed a slogan on their standard issue license plate in the mid-1980s, celebrating the 350th anniversary of the state's founding as a colony.

Department of Legislative Services staff say that 33 other states display a slogan or motto on their standard license plates.

Maryland native Francis Scott Key penned "The Star-Spangled Banner" almost 200 years ago after the British attacked Baltimore's Fort McHenry.

The bill now moves to the House for consideration.

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