



Maryland begins issuing new standard license plates today



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Starting today, [Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration](#) will replace the black and white standard license plates with colorful plates that commemorate the War of 1812.

The new plates depict Baltimore's Fort McHenry and bombs bursting in air during the 1814 battle that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star Spangled Banner."

Newly purchased cars, trucks, motorcycles, and multi-purpose vehicles will be issued the commemorative plates without incurring a fee.

Those who have the black and white plates and want to switch to the commemorative plates will be charged \$20.

The new plates will be issued until June 2015.



MVA will unveil its new standard license plate at its 100th anniversary celebration today.