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Marylanders Receive War Of 1812 License Plates



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GLEN BURNIE, Md. (WJZ) — You're starting to see a lot of those War of 1812 Maryland license plates on the road.

Ron Matz reports the new plates are keeping the Motor [Vehicle](#) Administration busy and have motorists buzzing.

Maryland is marking the bicentennial of the War of 1812 with the new standard issue license plate. The tag features images from the war's 1814 battle at Fort McHenry.

"I love these new tags. I think it's great. It inspires the knowledge that the Star-Spangled Banner was written here. I think it's a great promotion," said Susan Taylor from Southwest Baltimore.

"The Motor Vehicle Administration was approached by the War of 182 Commission, which is preparing for their upcoming bicentennial. They approached us to issue a license plate to help promote the upcoming bicentennial of the War of 1812," said Buell Young, MVA. "It replaced our standard issue black and white plate, so this is now our standard issue license plate and we started issuing it on June 14. It's been pretty mixed --some people like change, some people don't."

Maryland drivers can still request the Chesapeake Bay or agricultural plates, which cost an additional \$20.

"The Chesapeake Bay plate and the agriculture plate are plates that people choose to get. They



*The War of 1812 plates can be seen all over Maryland.
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are not standard issue, so those people pay an additional fee. That's their way of helping those organizations," said Young. "We're doing this in support of the upcoming bicentennial of the War of 1812."

"I love the bay tags better than this one. The flag is nice, too, but I like the bay and the farm one," said Lisa Dargan from Northeast Baltimore.

Anthony Cain from West Baltimore picked up his new tags Tuesday morning.

"I got my new tags. I don't like all the color in it, but they're OK. I'm used to the regular black and white tags," said Cain.

You'll receive the new plate if you're registering a [new car](#) or truck, but only through 2015.

Maryland motorists who don't register a [new vehicle](#) can keep their current plates.