
**By: Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee (Departmental -
Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's License - Accumulation of Points - Notifications and Conferences**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of points that must be accumulated within a
4 certain period before the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to send drivers
5 a warning letter; eliminating the requirement that a conference be held after the
6 accumulation of a certain number of points for certain licensees; and generally
7 relating to the accumulation of points under the State's motor vehicle laws.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 16-404
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 16-404.

17 (a) The Administration shall take the following actions for points accumulated
18 within any 2-year period:

19 (1) Send a warning letter to each individual who accumulates [3] 5 points;
20 AND

21 (2) [Call in for a conference each individual who accumulates 5 points,
22 except that a Class A, B, or C licensee who submits evidence acceptable to the
23 Administration that he is a professional driver may not be called in until he accumulates
24 8 points; and

25 (3)] Except as provided in § 16-405 of this subtitle:

26 (i) Suspend the license of each individual who accumulates 8 points;
27 and

28 (ii) Revoke the license of each individual who accumulates 12 points.

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1 (b) (1) Except as provided in § 16-405 of this subtitle:

2 (i) If an individual accumulates 8 points, the Administration shall
3 issue a notice of suspension; and

4 (ii) If an individual accumulates 12 points, the Administration shall
5 issue a notice of revocation.

6 (2) Each notice shall:

7 (i) Be personally served or sent by certified mail, return receipt
8 requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service;

9 (ii) State the duration of the suspension or revocation; and

10 (iii) Advise the individual of his right, within 10 days after the notice is
11 sent (Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excepted), to file a written request for a
12 hearing before the Administrator.

13 (3) Unless a hearing is requested, each notice of suspension or revocation is
14 effective at the end of the 10-day period after the notice is sent.

15 (c) An initial suspension may not be for less than 2 days nor more than 30 days.
16 Any subsequent suspension may not be for less than 15 days nor more than 90 days.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1996.