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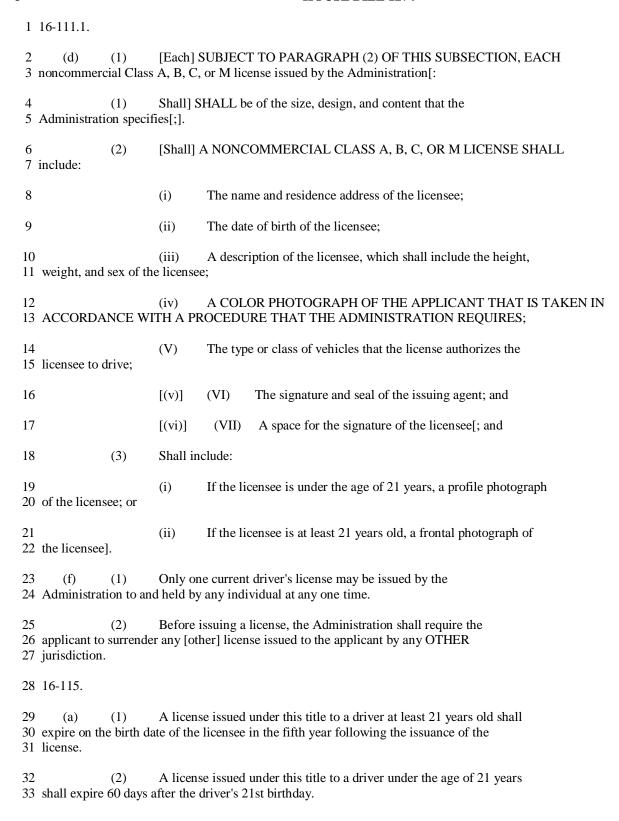
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1 AN ACT concerning

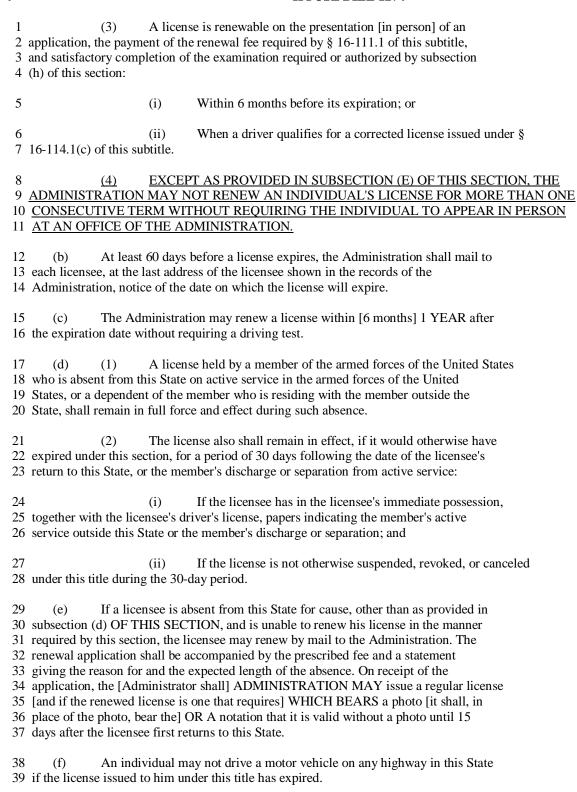
2 Motor Vehicle Administration - Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards

- 3 FOR the purpose of modifying provisions under the Maryland Vehicle Law relating to
- 4 the inclusion of photographs on drivers' licenses and identification cards;
- 5 eliminating a requirement that an applicant for renewal of a driver's license
- 6 appear in person for each renewal; limiting the number of consecutive license
- 7 renewals without an individual appearing in person at an office of the Motor
- 8 <u>Vehicle Administration (MVA)</u>; modifying a requirement pertaining to surrender
- 9 of drivers' licenses; modifying the time period during which the Motor Vehicle
- 10 Administration (MVA) MVA may renew an expired driver's license without
- 11 requiring a driving test; modifying a provision concerning renewal of drivers'
- licenses held by individuals who are absent from the State; making stylistic and
- technical changes and deleting an obsolete provision; and generally relating to
- the issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses and identification cards by the
- MVA under provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 17 Article Transportation
- 18 Section 12-301(a)
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
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1 2 3	Section 12-301(g), 16-111.1(d) and (f), and 16-115 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)				
4 5				CTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF of Maryland read as follows:	
6	Article - Transportation				
7	12-301.				
8 9	(a) individual w		lication, t	the Administration shall issue an identification card to any	
10		(1)	Is a resi	ident of this State;	
11		(2)	Does no	ot have a driver's license;	
12 13	2 (3) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable to the Administration; and				
14 15	furnished b	(4) y the Adı		s a completed application for an identification card on a form on.	
16	(g)	(1)	An ider	ntification card shall be:	
17			(i)	Of the size and design that the Administration requires; and	
18			(ii)	Tamperproof, to the extent possible.	
19		(2)	The car	d shall contain:	
20			(i)	The name and address of the applicant;	
21			(ii)	The birth date of the applicant;	
22			(iii)	The sex of the applicant;	
23			(iv)	A description of the applicant;	
26 27	(v) A color photograph of the applicant taken by the procedure that the Administration requires[. Photographs issued to applicants under 21 years of age will be taken with the profile view. A fee, as established by the Administration, is required for the conversion to a regular full face photo identification card after the age of 21];				
29			(vi)	The expiration date of the identification card;	
30			(vii)	The signature of the applicant; and	
31			(viii)	The signature and seal of the issuing agent.	



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1 2	(g) An individual may not attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State if the license issued to the individual under this title has expired.				
	(h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration shall require every individual applying for renewal of a driver's license to pass a vision test as prescribed by the [Administrator] ADMINISTRATION.				
	(2) (i) The [Administrator] ADMINISTRATION shall accept a certification of acceptable visual acuity from a licensed physician or optometrist instead of requiring the actual test provided for in this subsection.				
9 10	(ii) The examination for which certification is made shall take place within 12 months of the date of application for renewal.				
13	(3) (i) If the Administration has reason to believe that an individual is a safety hazard by reason of a vision deficiency, the Administration may require the vision test provided for in this subsection at a time other than renewal of a driver's license.				
15 16	(ii) The Administration may adopt [rules and] regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection.				
19	(i) [Until September 1, 1993, a driver's license issued before July 1, 1988 to a driver under the age of 21 years that expires before the driver's 21st birthday may be renewed, on payment of a fee established by the Administration, for a period not to exceed 60 days after the licensee's 21st birthday.				
23	(j)] Before the expiration of a driver's license, if the Administration has reason to believe that an individual is not a safety hazard, but the individual is unable to pass a required knowledge test or vision test, the Administration may extend the individual's privilege to drive for a period not to exceed 90 days.				
25 26	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.				