

Chapter 128

(House Bill 93)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards and Drivers' Licenses

FOR the purpose of altering the period of validity of identification cards issued for certain applicants by the Motor Vehicle Administration; repealing a requirement that certain information be stated on a driver's license application form; authorizing the Administration to waive a vision examination for certain license applicants under certain circumstances; and generally relating to drivers' licenses and identification cards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 12–301(i), 16–106(b), and 16–110(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–106(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

12–301.

(i) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, an identification card issued to an applicant [at least 16 years old] **UNDER THE AGE OF 65** expires at the end of a period of not more than 5 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, an identification card issued to an applicant [under the age of 16 years expires every 5 years] **AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD EXPIRES AT THE END OF A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 8 YEARS DETERMINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

(3) (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the Administration may not issue an identification card to the applicant for a period that extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

(ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to allow the issuance of an identification card for a period longer than the period described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the machine-readable zone of a temporary identification card issued under this paragraph that the card is a temporary identification card.

(4) An identification card may be renewed on application and payment of the fee required by this section.

16-106.

(a) Each application for a driver's license shall be made on the form that the Administration requires.

(b) The application shall state:

(1) The full name, Maryland residence address, [employer,] race, sex, height, weight, general physical condition, and date of birth of the applicant;

(2) Whether the applicant previously has been refused a license to drive and, if so:

(i) By what state or country; and

(ii) The date of and reason for the refusal;

(3) Whether the applicant previously has been licensed to drive and, if so:

(i) When and by what state or country; and

(ii) Whether the license ever has been suspended, revoked, or canceled and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or cancellation;

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the applicant's Social Security number; and

(5) Any other pertinent information that the Administration requires.

16-110.

(h) The Administration may not waive a vision examination required under this section **UNLESS THE APPLICANT:**

(1) IS APPLYING FOR A CORRECTED DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER § 16-114.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) HAS PASSED A VISION EXAMINATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.