

Chapter 138

(Senate Bill 60)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Driver’s Licenses – Expiration and Renewal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a corrected driver’s license expire at the end of a certain time period; altering the period of time within which certain drivers are required to have taken an authorized vision test to qualify for renewal of a driver’s license; and generally relating to the expiration and renewal of driver’s licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 16–114.1(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 16–114.1(d) and 16–115(i)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

16–114.1.

(c) If an individual other than one who holds a commercial driver’s license desires a corrected photo license in lieu of a correction card for a desired or required correction, the individual shall:

- (1) Apply for a corrected photo license on the form required by the Administration;
- (2) Surrender the individual’s original license; and
- (3) Pay the required fee.

(d) [(1) A corrected photo license issued under subsection (c) of this section to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee in the fifth year following the issuance of the license.

(2)] A corrected photo license issued under subsection (c) of this section to a driver under age 21 years shall expire 60 days after the driver's 21st birthday.

16–115.

(i) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) 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 Administration.

(2) (i) The 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.

(ii) The examination for which certification is made shall take place within 12 months of the date of application for renewal.

(3) An individual at least 21 years of age but under the age of 40 years may apply for renewal of a driver's license electronically or by mail or other means authorized by the Administration without taking a vision test if the applicant has passed a vision test authorized by the Administration within the previous [6] 9 years.

(4) (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.

(ii) The Administration may adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.