
By: Senator Middleton

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Speeding Violations by Minors - Notification of Parent or Guardian**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to notify the parent,
4 guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application if a citation is
5 issued to the minor charging the minor with driving a motor vehicle at a certain
6 speed in excess of the maximum lawful speed; requiring the Chief Judge of the
7 District Court, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administrator, to establish
8 procedures for notifying the Administration of each citation issued to a minor
9 licensed in the State charging that the minor committed a certain speeding offense;
10 requiring an individual who cosigns a minor's application for a driver's license to
11 provide the individual's mailing address to the Administration and to notify the
12 Administration of any change of address occurring within a certain time; requiring
13 the notice provided by the Administration under this Act to be mailed to a certain
14 address and contain certain information; making a stylistic change; requiring the
15 Administration to report to certain committees of the General Assembly before a
16 certain date on the implementation of this Act; providing for a delayed effective
17 date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to procedures for
18 notifying the parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license
19 application that a citation alleging a certain speeding violation was issued to the
20 minor.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
23 Section 1-605(d)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
27 Article - Transportation
28 Section 16-107
29 Annotated Code of Maryland
30 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

31 BY adding to

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1 Article - Transportation
2 Section 21-808
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

7 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

8 1-605.

9 (d) In addition to the powers and duties granted and imposed in subsections (a),
10 (b), and (c) of this section, or elsewhere by law or rule, the Chief Judge of the District
11 Court shall:

12 (1) Appoint a chief clerk of the District Court, a chief administrative clerk
13 for each district, and other personnel of the Court pursuant to Article IV, § 41F of the
14 Constitution;

15 (2) Approve the appointments of commissioners of the District Court
16 pursuant to Article IV, § 41G of the Constitution;

17 (3) Establish uniform record-keeping procedures for the Court;

18 (4) In conjunction with the motor vehicle administrator, establish uniform
19 procedures for reporting traffic cases in the District Court, INCLUDING PROCEDURES
20 FOR PROMPTLY NOTIFYING THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH
21 CITATION ISSUED TO A MINOR LICENSED IN THE STATE CHARGING THE MINOR
22 WITH DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE AT LEAST 20 MILES PER HOUR ABOVE THE
23 MAXIMUM LAWFUL SPEED;

24 (5) In conjunction with the State Comptroller, establish a system for the
25 collection and remittance of costs, fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the
26 District Court;

27 (6) Approve in writing the destruction of pleadings, papers, or files
28 proposed for destruction pursuant to § 2-206 of this article;

29 (7) On the recommendation of the administrative judge of any district,
30 approve in writing the invalidation and destruction of certain warrants for arrest, if the
31 administrative judge certifies to the Chief Judge that:

32 (i) Each of the warrants is more than 3 years old;

33 (ii) The warrant was properly delivered to an authorized law
34 enforcement agency for execution and service, which was not effected;

35 (iii) Each of the warrants was issued by a judicial officer of the Court
36 for:

37 1. The arrest of the defendant in order that the defendant
38 might stand trial on a misdemeanor offense;

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1 (B) THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
2 SHALL:

3 (1) BE MAILED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE MOST RECENT
4 ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE COSIGNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 16-107 (B) OF THIS
5 ARTICLE; AND

6 (2) CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

7 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE MINOR
8 CHARGED WITH THE VIOLATION;

9 (II) THE SPEED AT WHICH THE MINOR IS ALLEGED TO HAVE
10 DRIVEN;

11 (III) THE MAXIMUM LAWFUL SPEED AT THE LOCATION OF THE
12 ALLEGED VIOLATION;

13 (IV) THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE SPECIFIED IN THE CITATION; AND

14 (V) THE NUMBER OF POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST
15 THE MINOR.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, before November 1, 1996,
17 the Motor Vehicle Administration shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings
18 Committee and the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee, in
19 accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this
20 Act, including the status of the Administration's Digital Imaging Of Documents (DIOD)
21 System and the capability of the DIOD System to facilitate the retrieval of mailing
22 addresses and other data necessary to comply with this Act.

23 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
24 take effect January 1, 1997.

25 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 4 of
26 this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.