
By: Senator Munson

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Licensing of Bioptic Telescopic Lens Users - Repeal of Termination**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that
4 provide for the eligibility of a user of bioptic telescopic lenses to be licensed to drive
5 in the State; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the
6 eligibility of bioptic telescopic lens users for drivers' licenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 16-110.2
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 483 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991
14 Section 2

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 16-110.2.

19 (a) In this section, "bioptic telescopic lens" means a spectacle mounted
20 telescopic/telescopic telescope placed at the top of a corrective vision lens and designed
21 to increase visual acuity and aid in spotting distant objects at a glance.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other requirements under this subtitle, an applicant
23 using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a noncommercial Class C driver's
24 license under this subtitle if the applicant:

25 (1) (i) Demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/100 in one or both eyes
26 and a field of 150 degrees horizontal vision with or without corrective lenses; or

27 (ii) If the applicant has vision in one eye only, demonstrates a field of
28 at least 100 degrees horizontal vision;

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1 (2) Demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/70 in one or both eyes with
2 the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders;

3 (3) Submits a report of examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or
4 optometrist for evaluation by the Medical Advisory Board under § 16-118 of this subtitle;
5 and

6 (4) Meets all the other requirements for licensure under this title.

7 (c) An applicant using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a learner's
8 instructional permit under § 16-103 of this subtitle if the applicant meets the
9 requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

10 (d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a license issued in
11 compliance with this section authorizes the licensee to operate a motorvehicle only
12 during the period beginning one-half hour after sunrise and ending one-half hour before
13 sunset.

14 (2) If the applicant is eligible for a license under paragraph (d)(1) of this
15 subsection, the Administration shall issue to the applicant a restricted license endorsed
16 "Daylight Driving Only".

17 (e) A licensee under this section may operate a motor vehicle without any
18 restriction regarding hours of operation if the licensee:

19 (1) Demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes with
20 the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders;

21 (2) Has been licensed under this section for at least one year; and

22 (3) Passes a skills test taken at night.

23 **Chapter 483 of the Acts of 1991**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1991. [It shall remain effective for a period of five years and, at the end of June
26 30, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 June 1, 1996.