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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 [TAG ftpo]FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ extending the termination date of certain provisions of law
4 that provide for the eligibility of a user of bioptic telescopic lenses to be licensed to
5 drive in the State; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating
6 to the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **Chapter 483 of the Acts of 1991**

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 July 1, 1991. †It shall remain effective for a period of ~~five~~ TEN years and, at the end of
33 June 30, ~~1996~~ 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
34 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. †

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

