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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License - Age Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum age at which the holder of a provisional
4 driver's license qualifies for a driver's license; making conforming changes; and
5 generally relating to requirements for obtaining a driver's license.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 16-103
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 16-111.2 and 16-113.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 16-103.

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Administration may
21 not issue a driver's license to any individual who is not at least 18 years old.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the
23 Administration may issue a noncommercial Class B, C, or M license to an individual
24 under the age of 18, if he is at least 16 years old and has completed satisfactorily a driver's
25 education course approved under Subtitle 5 of this title, and has completed satisfactorily
26 6 hours of laboratory instruction.

27 (2) The individual shall be exempt from the laboratory instruction required
28 by this subsection, though not the required classroom instruction, if:

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1 (i) He has been licensed regularly to drive in another state for at least
2 6 months; and

3 (ii) He establishes to the satisfaction of a classroom instructor certified
4 under Subtitle 5 of this title that his driving experience is sufficient to justify the
5 exemption.

6 (3) The Administration may not issue a Class M license to an individual
7 under the age of 18 years unless the individual has also completed satisfactorily a
8 motorcycle safety course approved under Subtitle 6 of this title.

9 (c) The Administration may not issue a learner's instructional permit to any
10 individual who has not reached the age of 15 years, 9 months.

11 16-111.2.

12 (a) Subject to the provisions of § 16-103(b), if an applicant for a driver's license is
13 under the age of 18 and is the holder of a learner's permit, the applicant is entitled to
14 receive a provisional driver's license if the applicant:

15 (1) Has possessed a valid learner's permit for at least 14 days immediately
16 prior to the date of the application;

17 (2) Passes the examination provided for in this subtitle;

18 (3) Surrenders the learner's permit issued to him;

19 (4) Pays the fee provided by this subtitle; and

20 (5) Has reached the age of 16 years.

21 (b) If the applicant for a driver's license [is under the age of 18 and]is the holder
22 of a provisional driver's license, the applicant is entitled to receive a driver's license if the
23 applicant:

24 (1) HAS REACHED THE AGE OF 18 YEARS;

25 [(1)] (2) Has possessed a valid provisional driver's license for the 12-month
26 period immediately preceding the date of the application for a driver's license; and

27 [(2)] (3) Has not been convicted of a traffic violation that was committed
28 during this period and for which points may be assessed under § 16-402 of this title.

29 16-113.1.

30 (a) Upon meeting the requirements set forth in § 16-111.2(a) of this subtitle, the
31 holder of a learner's permit shall be issued a provisional driver's license as authorized in
32 § 16-113(d) of this subtitle.

33 (b) The driver's license issued shall be as provided in § 16-111 of this subtitle,
34 except that it shall be identifiable as a provisional driver's license and shall contain a
35 provisional symbol limiting the licensee to driving unsupervised only from 5:00 a.m. until
36 12 midnight.

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1 (c) A provisional driver's license is subject to the expiration and renewal
2 requirements of § 16-115 of this subtitle.

3 (d) Upon meeting the requirements set forth in § 16-111.2(b) of this subtitle, [or
4 upon attaining the age of 18,] the holder of a provisional driver's license shall be issued
5 a driver's license as provided in § 16-111 of this subtitle.

6 (e) The driver's license shall be issued on payment of a fee established by the
7 Administration and shall expire 60 days after the licensee's 21st birthday.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1997.