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By: **Delegate Arnick**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - License Renewal Without Driving Test - Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to
4 renew a driver's license without requiring a driving test in those cases where the
5 licensee has not been convicted of a moving violation within a certain period or
6 the licensee can show good cause why the driving test should not be required;
7 and generally relating to driver's license renewals and the driving test
8 requirement.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 16-115(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 16-115(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 16-115.

23 (a) (1) A license issued under this title to a driver at least 21 years old shall
24 expire on the birth date of the licensee in the fifth year following the issuance of the
25 license.

26 (2) A license issued under this title to a driver under the age of 21 years
27 shall expire 60 days after the driver's 21st birthday.

1 (3) A license is renewable on the presentation in person of an
2 application, the payment of the renewal fee required by § 16-111.1 of this subtitle,
3 and satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection
4 (h) of this section:

5 (i) Within 6 months before its expiration; or

6 (ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under §
7 16-114.1(c) of this subtitle.

8 (b) At least 60 days before a license expires, the Administration shall mail to
9 each licensee, at the last address of the licensee shown in the records of the
10 Administration, notice of the date on which the license will expire.

11 (c) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "MOVING VIOLATION" MEANS ANY VIOLATION
12 OF THE VEHICLE LAWS FOR WHICH POINTS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AGAINST A
13 LICENSEE UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 (2) The Administration may renew a license within 6 months after the
15 expiration date without requiring a driving test IF:

16 (I) THE LICENSEE HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A MOVING
17 VIOLATION FOR 3 YEARS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE; OR

18 (II) THE LICENSEE CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF
19 THE ADMINISTRATION GOOD CAUSE FOR WAIVING THE DRIVING TEST
20 REQUIREMENT NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE LICENSEE WAS CONVICTED OF A
21 MOVING VIOLATION WITHIN THE 3-YEAR PERIOD PRECEDING THE EXPIRATION
22 DATE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1998.