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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver Training and Improvement - Required Course on**
3 **Defensive Driving**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include elements of
5 the National Safety Council's course of instruction on Attitudinal Dynamics of
6 Driving as part of the driver improvement program; requiring the State
7 Superintendent of Schools and the Administration to adopt regulations to
8 include elements of the National Safety Council's Attitudinal Dynamics of
9 Driving course as part of the driver education program; and generally relating to
10 driver training and improvement.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 16-212(a) and (c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 16-212(b) and 16-506
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 16-212.

- 25 (a) The Administration may conduct:
- 26 (1) A driver improvement program;
- 27 (2) An alcohol education program; and

1 (3) Point system conferences.

2 (b) (1) The purpose of the programs and conferences authorized under this
3 section is to provide driver rehabilitation.

4 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE THE ELEMENTS OF THE
5 NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S COURSE, ATTITUDINAL DYNAMICS OF DRIVING, IN ITS
6 DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

7 [(2)] (3) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
8 Administration shall determine the content of the programs and conferences.

9 (c) If an individual is convicted of 1 or more moving violations:

10 (1) After a conference or a hearing as provided in Title 12, Subtitle 2 of
11 this article, as a condition of reinstatement of a driver's license, or if an individual
12 fails to attend a conference as required by § 16-404(a)(2) of this title, the
13 Administration may require an individual to attend a driver improvement program or
14 alcohol education program; or

15 (2) A court may require an individual to attend a driver improvement
16 program or alcohol education program.

17 16-506.

18 (a) Subject to the prior endorsement of the regulations by the State
19 Superintendent of Schools, the Administration shall adopt and enforce regulations
20 not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement driver education programs conducted
21 by licensed drivers' schools under its jurisdiction.

22 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
23 Administration and shall include:

24 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for both classroom
25 and laboratory phases, INCLUDING A CURRICULUM THAT INCORPORATES THE
26 ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S COURSE, ATTITUDINAL DYNAMICS
27 OF DRIVING;

28 (2) Minimum student performance standards for successful completion
29 of an approved driver education program, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom
30 instruction;

31 (3) Standards for the certification of schools, classroom instructors, and
32 laboratory instructors;

33 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education
34 program;

35 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
36 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

1 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

3 October 1, 1998.