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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License - High School Dropouts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to notify the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration, under certain circumstances, of an individual of a certain age
5 who drops out of school; requiring the Administration to determine whether the
6 individual holds a driver's license issued by this State; requiring the
7 Administration to send a letter to the individual informing the individual that it
8 will revoke the driver's license of the individual under certain circumstances;
9 requiring the Administration to revoke the individual's driver's license under
10 certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to reinstate the driver's
11 license of the individual under certain circumstances; prohibiting the
12 Administration from issuing a driver's license to a certain individual who drops
13 out of high school until the individual is no longer a high school dropout under
14 certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration not to revoke the driver's
15 license of, and to issue a driver's license to, an individual who dropped out of
16 school under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Education
17 and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations; and
18 generally relating to high school dropouts and drivers' licenses.

19 BY renumbering
20 Article - Transportation
21 Section 16-206(b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively
22 to be Section 16-206(c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
26 Article - Education
27 Section 7-301(a)(1)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

30 BY adding to
31 Article - Education

1 Section 7-301(h)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

4 BY adding to
5 Article - Transportation
6 Section 16-206(b)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-206(b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively, of Article -
11 Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
12 16-206(c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
14 read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-301.

17 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each child who resides
18 in this State and is 5 years old or older and under 16 shall attend a public school
19 regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular,
20 thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public
21 schools to children of the same age.

22 (H) (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS
23 DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

24 (I) RESIDES IN THIS STATE;

25 (II) IS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18 YEARS; AND

26 (III) DOES NOT ATTEND A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR
27 PARTICIPATE ON A REGULAR BASIS IN AN EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM
28 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR COUNTY BOARD, INCLUDING A HOME
29 INSTRUCTION PROGRAM, BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL:

30 1. HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SCHOOL OR PROGRAM;

31 OR

32 2. HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE SCHOOL BEFORE
33 GRADUATION OR THE PROGRAM BEFORE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION.

34 (2) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SEND NOTICE TO THE
35 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION INFORMING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH
36 INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD WHO HAS DROPPED

1 OUT OF SCHOOL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THAT IT RECEIVES NOTICE THAT THE
2 INDIVIDUAL DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.

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Article - Transportation

4 16-206.

5 (B) (1) ON RECEIVING NOTICE FROM A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
6 UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS DROPPED
7 OUT OF SCHOOL, THE ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY SHALL EXAMINE ITS
8 RECORDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS A DRIVER'S LICENSE
9 ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE.

10 (2) (I) IF THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT WHOM THE ADMINISTRATION
11 RECEIVED A NOTICE UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE HOLDS A
12 DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAIL A
13 LETTER TO THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS, INFORMING THE INDIVIDUAL
14 THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL REVOKE THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE
15 UNLESS, BEFORE THE CLOSE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS ON THE 20TH
16 BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE LETTER IS MAILED, THE INDIVIDUAL:

17 1. DEMONSTRATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS
18 REENROLLED IN SCHOOL OR HAS BEGUN AN EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM
19 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR COUNTY BOARD; OR

20 2. TURNS 18 YEARS OLD.

21 (II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REVOKE THE DRIVER'S LICENSE
22 OF THE INDIVIDUAL ON THE 21ST DAY AFTER SENDING THE LETTER UNDER
23 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT FULFILL
24 THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OR 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

25 (III) IF THE ADMINISTRATION REVOKES THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF
26 AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, IT MAY REINSTATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S
27 DRIVER'S LICENSE ONLY:

28 1. IF THE INDIVIDUAL REENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR BEGINS
29 AN EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR
30 COUNTY BOARD; OR

31 2. WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL TURNS 18 YEARS OLD.

32 (3) IF THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT WHOM THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVED
33 A NOTICE UNDER § 7-301(H) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE DOES NOT HOLD A
34 DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT
35 ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL, IF
36 OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE:

37 (I) REENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR BEGINS AN EDUCATIONAL OR
38 TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OR COUNTY BOARD; OR

1 (II) TURNS 18 YEARS OLD.

2 (4) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF
3 PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL DEMONSTRATES
4 TO THE ADMINISTRATION THE EXISTENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
5 INCLUDING:

6 (I) A MEDICAL CONDITION, AS VERIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN;

7 (II) A SERIOUS ECONOMIC HARDSHIP IN THE FAMILY;

8 (III) GAINFUL AND SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT BY THE
9 APPLICANT;

10 (IV) SPECIFIC FAMILY OR PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES; OR

11 (V) ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE
12 INDIVIDUAL.

13 (5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE
14 ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 1998.