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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licenses - Graduated Licensing System**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a new provisional driver's license for new drivers  
4 under the Maryland Vehicle Law; establishing and altering requirements,  
5 restrictions, and procedures concerning learner's instructional permits,  
6 provisional driver's licenses, and driver's licenses; providing for cancellation,  
7 suspension, and revocation of provisional licenses under certain circumstances;  
8 requiring the keeping of certain records; modifying provisions under the  
9 Maryland Driver Program Education Act; providing for a standardized driver  
10 education program; requiring and authorizing the Administration to take  
11 certain actions; establishing additional sanctions for specified violations;  
12 modifying certain provisions concerning applicants for Maryland driver's  
13 licenses who hold out-of-state licenses; repealing certain provisions governing  
14 provisional licenses; providing for the application of this Act to individuals who  
15 hold learner's instructional permits or provisional licenses as of a specified date;  
16 requiring establishment of a driver performance evaluation pilot program;  
17 requiring, as part of the pilot program, implementation of a driver road test on  
18 a limited basis; authorizing, as part of the pilot program, certain driver  
19 examinations to be performed by persons under contract with the Motor Vehicle  
20 Administration; requiring certain evaluations relating to driver testing and a  
21 report to the General Assembly by a specified date; defining certain terms;  
22 making certain stylistic and technical changes; providing for the  
23 implementation and application of provisions of this Act; providing for the  
24 termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to  
25 implementation of a graduated licensing system and the licensing of drivers  
26 under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
28 Article - Transportation  
29 Section 11-128, 11-136.1, 16-101(a), 16-103, 16-103.1, 16-105, 16-105.1,  
30 16-106, 16-110, 16-111, 16-111.1, 16-113(b), (d), and (f), 16-117,  
31 16-117.1(a), 16-206(d), 16-212.1, 16-501 through 16-503, 16-505  
32 through 16-507, and 16-509  
33 Annotated Code of Maryland  
34 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
2 Article - Transportation  
3 Section 16-107, 16-113(i), 16-201, 16-206(e), and 16-301(a) and (b)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 16-113(d-1), 16-206(a)(3), and 16-213  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY repealing  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 16-111.2, 16-113.1, and 16-504  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 11-128.

20 "License", as used in reference to the operation of a motor vehicle, means any:

21 (1) Driver's license; and

22 (2) Any other license or permit to drive a motor vehicle that is issued  
23 under or granted by the laws of this State, including:

24 (i) Any temporary license [or];

25 (II) A learner's instructional permit;

26 (III) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE;

27 [(ii)] (IV) The privilege of any individual to drive a motor vehicle,  
28 whether or not that individual is formally licensed by this or any other jurisdiction;

29 [(iii)] (V) Any nonresident's privilege to drive, as defined in this  
30 subtitle; and

31 [(iv)] (VI) A commercial driver's license.

1 11-136.1.

2 "MOVING VIOLATION" MEANS:

3 (1) A MOVING VIOLATION AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY  
4 THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING POINTS UNDER § 16-402 OF  
5 THIS ARTICLE; OR

6 (2) A VIOLATION OF A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR NATURE REPORTED  
7 FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION, OTHER THAN A VIOLATION OF THE JURISDICTION'S  
8 SIZE, WEIGHT, LOAD, EQUIPMENT, OR INSPECTION PROVISIONS.

9 11-136.2.

10 "Multipurpose passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

11 (1) Is designed primarily for carrying persons and which is constructed  
12 on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operations;

13 (2) Has 3 wheels; or

14 (3) Is of a unique design that does not clearly meet the requirements of  
15 any other class, as determined by the Administrator.

16 16-101.

17 (a) An individual may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any  
18 highway in this State unless:

19 (1) [He] THE INDIVIDUAL holds a driver's license issued under this title;

20 (2) [He] THE INDIVIDUAL is expressly exempt from the licensing  
21 requirements of this title; or

22 (3) [He] THE INDIVIDUAL otherwise is specifically authorized by this  
23 title to drive vehicles of the class that [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is driving or attempting  
24 to drive.

25 16-103.

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

28 (b) (1) Except as provided under paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, the  
29 Administration may issue a noncommercial Class B, C, or M license to an individual  
30 under the age of 18[,] if [he is at least 16 years old and has completed satisfactorily  
31 a driver's education course approved under Subtitle 5 of this title, and has completed  
32 satisfactorily 6 hours of laboratory instruction] THE INDIVIDUAL OTHERWISE  
33 QUALIFIES FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

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

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

11       (c)     The Administration may not issue [a]:

12           (1)     A learner's instructional permit to any individual who has not  
13 reached the age of 15 years, 9 months;

14           (2)     A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT  
15 REACHED THE AGE OF 16 YEARS, 3 MONTHS; OR

16           (3)     A LICENSE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT REACHED THE AGE OF  
17 17 YEARS, 9 MONTHS.

18 16-103.1.

19       The Administration may not issue a driver's license to an individual:

20           (1)     During any period for which the individual's license to drive is  
21 revoked, suspended, refused, or canceled in this or any other state, unless the  
22 individual is eligible for a restricted license under § 16-113(e) of this subtitle;

23           (2)     Who is an habitual drunkard, habitual user of narcotic drugs, or  
24 habitual user of any other drug to a degree that renders the individual incapable of  
25 safely driving a motor vehicle;

26           (3)     Who previously has been adjudged to be suffering from any mental  
27 disability or mental disease and who, at the time of application, has not been  
28 adjudged competent;

29           (4)     Who is required by this title to take an examination, unless the  
30 individual has passed the examination;

31           (5)     Whose driving of a motor vehicle on the highways the Administration  
32 has good cause to believe would be inimical to public safety or welfare;

33           (6)     Who is unable to exercise reasonable control over a motor vehicle due  
34 to disease or a physical disability, including the loss of an arm or leg or both, except  
35 that, if the individual passes the examination required by this title, the

1 Administration may issue the individual a restricted license requiring the individual  
2 to wear a workable artificial limb or other similar body attachment;

3 (7) Who is unable to understand highway warning or direction signs  
4 written in the English language;

5 (8) Who is unable to sign the individual's name for identification  
6 purposes;

7 (9) Who is 70 years old or older and applying for a new license, unless  
8 the applicant presents to the Administration:

9 (i) Proof of the individual's previous satisfactory operation of a  
10 motor vehicle; or

11 (ii) A written certification acceptable to the Administration from a  
12 licensed physician attesting to the general physical and mental qualifications of the  
13 applicant; or

14 (10) [On or after July 1, 1993, if the individual is at least 18 years of age  
15 and has never held a driver's license issued by the Administration or by any other  
16 state, unless the individual successfully completes a 3-hour alcohol and drug  
17 education course established by the Administration under § 16-212.1 of this subtitle]  
18 WHO OTHERWISE DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.

19 16-105.

20 (a) (1) Any individual who desires to obtain an original driver's license  
21 under this subtitle or to be licensed in a class for which [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is not  
22 already licensed under this subtitle shall apply to the Administration for the desired  
23 driver's license.

24 (2) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, before issuing a  
25 driver's license, the Administration shall issue to each applicant a learner's  
26 instructional permit. The learner's instructional permit shall identify clearly the class  
27 of license for which the applicant has applied.

28 (b) (1) The holder of a learner's instructional permit may drive the same  
29 vehicle and combinations of vehicles as may a holder of the class of driver's license for  
30 which [he] THE PERMIT HOLDER has applied, but only while [he is] accompanied by  
31 and under the immediate supervision of an individual who:

32 [(1)] (I) Is at least 21 years old;

33 [(2)] (II) Has been licensed for at least 3 years in this State or in another  
34 state to drive vehicles of the class then being driven by the holder of the learner's  
35 instructional permit; and

36 [(3)] (III) Unless the vehicle is a motorcycle, is seated beside the holder of  
37 the learner's instructional permit.

1           (2)     THE INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISING THE HOLDER OF THE LEARNER'S  
2 INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS THE ONLY  
3 INDIVIDUAL ALLOWED IN THE FRONT SEAT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH THE PERMIT  
4 HOLDER WHILE THE PERMIT HOLDER IS DRIVING.

5           (c)     The holder of a learner's instructional permit for a motorcycle may drive  
6 the motorcycle with another individual on it only if the other individual is one  
7 described in subsection [(b)(1) and (2)] (B)(1)(I) AND (II) of this section.

8           (d)     (1)     THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

9                   (I)     SEEKS TO OBTAIN AN ORIGINAL DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER  
10 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

11                   (II)    DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT  
12 UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

13           (2)     (I)     THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMPOSE A RESTRICTION ON A  
14 LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT PROHIBITING THE HOLDER OF THE PERMIT  
15 FROM OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS THE PERMIT HOLDER AND EACH  
16 PASSENGER IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS RESTRAINED BY A SEAT BELT OR BY A CHILD  
17 SAFETY SEAT AS PROVIDED IN § 22-412.2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

18                   (II)    IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF A RESTRICTION IMPOSED UNDER  
19 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF AN INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY A MEDICAL  
20 EXCEPTION UNDER § 22-412.2(F) OR § 22-412.3(D) AND (E) OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT  
21 RESTRAINED.

22           (3)     AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT  
23 MAY NOT TAKE A DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION OR DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION FOR  
24 A PROVISIONAL LICENSE:

25                   (I)     SOONER THAN 6 MONTHS:

26                           1.     AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST OBTAINS THE LEARNER'S  
27 INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT; OR

28                           2.     AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL  
29 COMMITTED A MOVING VIOLATION OR A VIOLATION BASED ON A PERMIT  
30 RESTRICTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR WHICH THE  
31 INDIVIDUAL WAS CONVICTED OR RECEIVED PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT;

32                           (II)    UNTIL AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A DRIVER  
33 EDUCATION COURSE APPROVED UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE, CONSISTING OF  
34 AT LEAST 30 HOURS OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND AT LEAST 6 HOURS OF  
35 HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION;

36                           (III)   UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
37 ADMINISTRATION'S REGULATIONS, A COMPLETED SKILLS LOG BOOK SIGNED BY:

1                                   1.       EACH SUPERVISING DRIVER WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL HAS SATISFACTORILY DEMONSTRATED A REQUIRED SKILL; AND

3                                   2.       IF A SIGNATURE OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR OTHER  
4 PERSON IS REQUIRED UNDER § 16-107 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PARENT, GUARDIAN,  
5 OR OTHER PERSON WHO SIGNS THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION UNDER THAT  
6 SECTION; OR

7                                   (IV)    IF, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL OTHERWISE WOULD QUALIFY  
8 TO TAKE THE DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN CHARGED  
9 WITH A MOVING VIOLATION OR PERMIT RESTRICTION VIOLATION UNDER  
10 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED.

11                               (4)     A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
12 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER THE  
13 DATE OF ISSUANCE.

14       (E)   (1)     THIS SUBSECTION ONLY APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A  
15 LICENSE AND WHO SEEKS A DIFFERENT CLASS LICENSE TO DRIVE A MOTOR  
16 VEHICLE THAT, UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT LICENSE, THE INDIVIDUAL IS  
17 NOT AUTHORIZED TO DRIVE.

18                               (2)     The holder of a learner's instructional permit may NOT take the  
19 driver's license examination [no] sooner than 14 days after the permit is issued.

20                               [(2)] (3) The 14 days' requirement may be waived if a subsequent  
21 learner's instructional permit is issued or applied for.

22       [(e)] (4) A learner's instructional permit ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
23 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION expires 180 days after date of  
24 issuance.

25       (f)   (1)     The Administration may issue a driver's license, without first issuing  
26 a learner's instructional permit and without a waiting period, to any individual who:

27                               (i)     Has been licensed regularly to drive in this State, in another  
28 state or country, or by the armed forces of the United States, if the Administration is  
29 satisfied that the applicant's experience in driving vehicles of the type that would be  
30 authorized by the license class applied for is sufficient to justify issuance of the  
31 license without further training; or

32                               (ii)    Has successfully completed the Administration approved basic  
33 motorcycle safety course.

34                               (2)     The Administration may [examine]:

35                               (I)     EXAMINE the applicant's driving as provided in § 16-110 of this  
36 title; OR

1 (II) ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE, IF APPROPRIATE, UNDER §  
2 16-111(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (g) An individual holding a learner's instructional permit issued under this  
4 section may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State  
5 in violation of any of the provisions of this section.

6 16-105.1.

7 Any individual who is at least 15 years old may drive a motor vehicle on  
8 highways in this State, without obtaining a learner's INSTRUCTIONAL permit, if:

9 (1) [He] THE INDIVIDUAL is a student enrolled in[ :

10 (i) A driver's education course approved under Subtitle 5 of this  
11 title;

12 (ii) A drivers' school licensed under Subtitle 7 of Title 15; or

13 (iii) Other driver education courses jointly approved by the local  
14 board of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration] A DRIVER EDUCATION  
15 COURSE APPROVED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

16 (2) The motor vehicle is equipped with a dual brake control and any  
17 other equipment specified by [rules and] regulations adopted under[:

18 (i) § 16-506 of this title; or

19 (ii) Title 15 of] this article; and

20 (3) While driving the motor vehicle, [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is under the  
21 control of:

22 (i) [A classroom or laboratory] AN instructor certified under  
23 Subtitle 5 of this title;

24 (ii) A qualified student instructor participating in an instructor  
25 preparation program sanctioned by the ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH  
26 THE State Department of Education [or the Administration]; or

27 (iii) A driving instructor licensed under [Subtitle 8 of] Title 15,  
28 SUBTITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE.

29 16-106.

30 (a) Each application for a driver's license shall be made on the form that the  
31 Administration requires.

32 (b) The application shall state:



1           (1)     The full name, Maryland residence address, employer, race, sex,  
2 height, weight, general physical condition, and date of birth of the applicant;

3           (2)     Whether the applicant previously has been refused a license to drive  
4 and, if so:

5                 (i)     By what state or country; and

6                 (ii)    The date of and reason for the refusal;

7           (3)     Whether the applicant previously has been licensed to drive and, if  
8 so:

9                 (i)     When and by what state or country; and

10                (ii)    Whether the license ever has been suspended, revoked, or  
11 canceled and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or  
12 cancellation; and

13           (4)     Any other pertinent information that the Administration requires.

14   (c)     The applicant shall sign the application and certify that the statements  
15 made in it are true.

16   (d)   (1)     Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an applicant for an  
17 original license shall submit with [his] THE application a birth certificate or other  
18 proof of age and identity that is satisfactory to the Administration.

19           (2)     An individual party to an absolute divorce may elect to use a prior  
20 legal or true name upon filing an affidavit or other proof, satisfactory to the  
21 Administration, of:

22                 (i)     The prior name; and

23                 (ii)    The absolute divorce.

24           (3)     An applicant who claims a name change by or under the common law  
25 of this State or any other state shall submit with the applicant's application the  
26 following:

27                 (i)     An affidavit of the name by which the applicant is known and  
28 transacts business, as demonstrated by a social security card or record together with  
29 documents from at least 2 of the following categories:

30                     1.     Tax records;

31                     2.     Selective service card or records;

32                     3.     Voter registration card or records;

33                     4.     Passport;



1 (1) Establish qualifications for the safe operation of the various classes,  
2 types, sizes, or combinations of vehicles; and

3 (2) Examine each applicant to determine [his] THE APPLICANT'S  
4 qualifications for the license class applied for.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the Administration shall  
6 examine each applicant for an original driver's license or for a class of driver's license  
7 higher than that which the applicant currently holds.

8 (c) The examination shall include:

9 (1) A test of the applicant's:

10 (i) Vision;

11 (ii) Ability to read and understand highway signs regulating,  
12 warning, and directing traffic; and

13 (iii) Knowledge of the traffic laws of this State and safe driving  
14 practices;

15 (2) A demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable  
16 control in driving a motor vehicle; and

17 (3) Any other additional physical or mental examination that the  
18 Administration considers necessary to determine an applicant's fitness to drive a  
19 motor vehicle safely.

20 (d) If an applicant is qualified to take the required examinations for the  
21 license applied for, the applicant shall appear in person for examination at any one of  
22 the places in this State that the Administration has designated for this purpose.

23 (e) (1) For [the] A required [driving test] DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION  
24 OR DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION, each applicant shall provide a motor vehicle of a  
25 type appropriate to test the applicant's ability to drive all vehicles that may be driven  
26 under the license class applied for.

27 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, when  
28 the holder of a learner's instructional permit appears for the driving test, [he] THE  
29 PERMIT HOLDER shall be accompanied by an individual qualified under § 16-105 of  
30 this subtitle to accompany the holder of a learner's permit while driving on a highway.  
31 That individual shall have his driver's license with him.

32 (3) The holder of a Class [E or] M (motorcycle) learner's instructional  
33 permit may:

34 (i) Transport a motorcycle to the driving test by truck or other  
35 vehicle unaccompanied by another individual, if the permit holder is licensed to drive  
36 the truck or other vehicle; or

1 (ii) Be accompanied by a person transporting a motorcycle to the  
2 test by truck or other vehicle, if that person is licensed to drive the truck or other  
3 vehicle.

4 (4) The holder of a learner's instructional permit may be driven to the  
5 examination station and to the starting point where the examiner begins the test by  
6 any individual authorized to drive the class of vehicle in which the test is being given.  
7 That individual shall have [his] A VALID driver's license [with him] IN THE  
8 INDIVIDUAL'S POSSESSION.

9 (f) If the applicant does not pass the examination for the license class applied  
10 for, the Administration may issue the applicant any license of a lower class for which  
11 [he] THE APPLICANT qualifies.

12 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, the Administration  
13 may waive any driver's license examination provided for under this title if the  
14 applicant:

15 (1) Holds a valid driver's license issued under this subtitle;

16 (2) Is applying for a Class M license and has successfully completed the  
17 Administration approved basic motorcycle safety course; or

18 (3) Holds a valid license from:

19 (i) Another state;

20 (ii) A territory or possession of the United States, the District of  
21 Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or

22 (iii) A province or territory of Canada.

23 (h) The Administration may not waive a vision examination required under  
24 this section.

25 (I) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE  
26 CONTENT OF THE DRIVER EXAMINATION GIVEN TO AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S  
27 LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION AND SHALL EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
28 EXAMINATION WITH RESPECT TO ITS ABILITY TO ADEQUATELY MEASURE THE  
29 APPLICANT'S SKILL IN DRIVING UNDER ACTUAL HIGHWAY CONDITIONS.

30 (2) AS PART OF THE REVIEW REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
31 SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION  
32 THAT:

33 (I) INCLUDES ACTUAL HIGHWAY DRIVING;

34 (II) PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO EVALUATE THE APPLICANT'S  
35 ABILITY TO RESPOND TO COMMON HIGHWAY CONDITIONS THAT DEMAND THE

1 APPLICATION OF THE GOOD JUDGMENT AND SAFE DRIVING SKILLS THAT A  
2 COMPETENT DRIVER SHOULD POSSESS; AND

3 (III) ENSURES STANDARDIZATION OF TESTING PROCEDURES AND  
4 OBJECTIVITY OF SCORING CRITERIA.

5 (3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE DRIVER ROAD  
6 EXAMINATION DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AS PART OF A DRIVER  
7 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE  
8 ADMINISTRATION IN AT LEAST ONE COUNTY.

9 (II) AS PART OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE ADMINISTRATION  
10 SHALL:

11 1. EVALUATE THE DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION OFFERED  
12 UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN ENSURING  
13 THE COMPETENCY OF DRIVERS; AND

14 2. DETERMINE THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE DRIVING  
15 ROAD EXAMINATION OFFERED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM IN COMPARISON WITH  
16 THE DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION OFFERED TO LICENSE APPLICANTS ELSEWHERE  
17 IN THE STATE.

18 (4) UNDER THE DRIVER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM,  
19 THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

20 (I) CONDUCT DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATIONS OR DRIVER ROAD  
21 EXAMINATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING A LICENSE; OR

22 (II) AUTHORIZE PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE  
23 ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATIONS OR DRIVER ROAD  
24 EXAMINATIONS.

25 (5) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2001, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL  
26 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
27 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
28 INCLUDING:

29 (I) THE RESULTS OF THE DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION REVIEW  
30 AND EVALUATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

31 (II) THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE  
32 COMPARISON OF THE EXAMINATIONS OFFERED UNDER THE DRIVER PERFORMANCE  
33 EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM AND THE EXAMINATIONS OFFERED ELSEWHERE IN  
34 THE STATE; AND

35 (III) THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE  
36 FUTURE OF DRIVER EXAMINATIONS IN THE STATE.

1 16-111.

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

3 (1) HOLDS A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT UNDER § 16-105(D) OF  
4 THIS SUBTITLE; OR

5 (2) QUALIFIES FOR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF  
6 THIS SECTION.

7 (B) AN APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE IF THE  
8 APPLICANT:

9 (1) MEETS THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIRED UNDER § 16-103(C)(2) OF THIS  
10 SUBTITLE;

11 (2) SATISFIES THE LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT  
12 REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 16-105(D)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

13 (3) PASSES A DRIVER SKILLS OR DRIVER ROAD EXAMINATION  
14 ADMINISTERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

15 (4) SURRENDERS ANY LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT ISSUED TO  
16 THE APPLICANT; AND

17 (5) PAYS THE FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (C) (1) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE SHALL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE AS A  
19 PROVISIONAL LICENSE.

20 (2) THE HOLDER OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO:

21 (I) THE HOUR LIMITATIONS UNDER § 16-113(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

22 (II) THE SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 16-113(D-1) OF THIS  
23 SUBTITLE; AND

24 (III) THE MOVING VIOLATION AND SEAT BELT SANCTIONS UNDER §  
25 16-213 OF THIS TITLE.

26 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A PROVISIONAL LICENSE MAY NOT RECEIVE  
27 A LICENSE:

28 (1) SOONER THAN 18 MONTHS:

29 (I) AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST OBTAINS THE PROVISIONAL  
30 LICENSE; OR

31 (II) IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR RECEIVED  
32 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT FOR A MOVING VIOLATION OR FOR A VIOLATION OF

1 A LICENSE RESTRICTION UNDER § 16-113(D-1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AFTER THE DATE  
2 OF THE VIOLATION; OR

3 (2) IF, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL OTHERWISE WOULD QUALIFY TO  
4 RECEIVE A LICENSE, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A MOVING  
5 VIOLATION OR A LICENSE RESTRICTION VIOLATION UNDER § 16-113(D-1) OF THIS  
6 SUBTITLE THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED.

7 (E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY  
8 OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A  
9 PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN LICENSED TO DRIVE IN  
10 ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY, OR BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES,  
11 FOR LESS THAN 18 MONTHS.

12 (2) IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN LICENSED FOR:

13 (I) LESS THAN 6 MONTHS, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL HOLD THE  
14 PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A  
15 LICENSE UNDER § 16-111.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

16 (II) 6 MONTHS, BUT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS, THE INDIVIDUAL  
17 SHALL HOLD THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE BEING  
18 ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSE UNDER § 16-111.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE AS LONG AS THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT COMMITTED AN OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN § 16-213(A) OF THIS  
20 TITLE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR

21 (III) 12 MONTHS, BUT LESS THAN 18 MONTHS, THE INDIVIDUAL  
22 SHALL HOLD THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE BEING  
23 ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSE UNDER § 16-111.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE AS LONG AS THE  
24 INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT COMMITTED AN OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN § 16-213(A) OF THIS  
25 TITLE DURING THAT PERIOD.

26 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMITS AN OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN §  
27 16-213(A) OF THIS TITLE WHILE HOLDING A PROVISIONAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER  
28 THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

29 (I) THE WAITING PERIODS UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (2) OF  
30 THIS SECTION BEFORE QUALIFYING FOR A LICENSE UNDER § 16-111.1 OF THIS  
31 SUBTITLE; AND

32 (II) OTHER SANCTIONS APPLICABLE TO A HOLDER OF A  
33 PROVISIONAL LICENSE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

34 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING § 16-103(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE  
35 ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A LICENSE UNDER § 16-111.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE  
36 WITHOUT ISSUING A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT OR A PROVISIONAL  
37 LICENSE IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN LICENSED TO DRIVE IN ANOTHER STATE OR  
38 COUNTRY, OR BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR AT LEAST 18  
39 MONTHS.

1 (F) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO THE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL  
2 REQUIREMENTS OF § 16-115 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 16-111.1.

4 (a) An applicant is entitled to receive the driver's license applied for if the  
5 applicant:

6 (1) Passes the examination provided for in this subtitle;

7 (2) Surrenders the last learner's instructional permit issued to him, if  
8 any; and

9 (3) Pays the fees provided for by this subtitle.

10 (b) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A  
11 PROVISIONAL LICENSE UNDER § 16-111 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

12 (2) AN APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A LICENSE IF THE  
13 APPLICANT:

14 (I) MEETS THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIRED UNDER § 16-103(C)(3) OF  
15 THIS SUBTITLE;

16 (II) SATISFIES THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
17 § 16-111(D) OR (E) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

18 (III) SURRENDERS ANY PROVISIONAL LICENSE ISSUED TO THE  
19 APPLICANT; AND

20 (IV) PAYS THE FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (C) (1) Each license issued by the Administration shall be identified clearly  
22 as to its specific class. A Class M license may be issued in combination with any one  
23 of the other classes.

24 (2) The Administration shall assign an identifying number to each  
25 license it issues.

26 (3) To the extent provided by federal law, the Administration may use a  
27 driver's social security number as an identifying number for a driver's license.

28 [(c)] (D) Each noncommercial Class A, B, C, or M license issued by the  
29 Administration:

30 (1) Shall be of the size, design, and content that the Administration  
31 specifies;

32 (2) Shall include:

33 (i) The name and residence address of the licensee;



- 1 (ii) The date of birth of the licensee;
- 2 (iii) A description of the licensee, which shall include the height,  
3 weight, and sex of the licensee;
- 4 (iv) The type or class of vehicles that the license authorizes the  
5 licensee to drive;
- 6 (v) The signature and seal of the issuing agent; and
- 7 (vi) A space for the signature of the licensee; and
- 8 (3) Shall include:
- 9 (i) If the licensee is under the age of 21 years, a profile photograph  
10 of the licensee; or
- 11 (ii) If the licensee is at least 21 years old, a frontal photograph of  
12 the licensee.
- 13 [(d)] (E) (1) A license is not valid unless the licensee signs [his name on it]  
14 THE LICENSE in [his] THE LICENSEE'S usual signature.
- 15 (2) When issued and signed, a driver's license authorizes the licensee to  
16 drive any vehicle of the type or class specified on it, subject to any restrictions  
17 endorsed on the license.
- 18 [(e)] (F) (1) Only one current driver's license may be issued by the  
19 Administration to and held by any individual at any one time.
- 20 (2) Before issuing a license, the Administration shall require the  
21 applicant to surrender any other license issued to [him] THE APPLICANT by any  
22 jurisdiction.
- 23 [16-111.1.] 16-111.2.
- 24 (a) (1) When an applicant applies for an initial driver's license or for a class  
25 of driver's license other than that which the applicant currently holds, the applicant  
26 shall pay the Administration a license fee established by the Administration. This fee  
27 covers issuance of a learner's instructional permit and, if the applicant qualifies  
28 before the learner's instructional permit expires, issuance of a driver's license OR  
29 PROVISIONAL LICENSE.
- 30 (2) If a learner's instructional permit is not required, the applicant shall  
31 pay the Administration, when the driver's license is issued, a license fee established  
32 by the Administration.
- 33 (b) For the renewal of a noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E, or M driver's  
34 license, a licensee shall pay the Administration a renewal fee established by the  
35 Administration.

1 (c) For issuance of a duplicate or corrected noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E,  
2 or M driver's license, a licensee shall pay the Administration a duplicate or corrected  
3 driver's license fee established by the Administration.

4 (d) For conversion of a provisional license to a driver's license issued under §  
5 [16-111] 16-111.1 of this subtitle, a licensee shall pay the Administration a fee  
6 established by the Administration.

7 (e) A licensee shall pay a fee established by the Administration if:

8 (1) The license is issued or renewed under § 16-104.1 of this subtitle;  
9 and

10 (2) The licensee presents proof to the Administration that immediately  
11 before the conversion of the license under § 16-104 of this subtitle, the licensee was  
12 qualified to operate vehicles of the same class.

13 [16-111.2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) Has not been convicted of a traffic violation that was committed  
29 during this period and for which points may be assessed under § 16-402 of this title.]  
30 16-113.

31 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the licensee's driving record, the Administration  
32 shall impose on each licensee under the age of 21 years an alcohol restriction that  
33 prohibits the licensee from driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle with an  
34 alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more as determined by an analysis of the [person's]  
35 LICENSEE'S blood or breath.

1 (2) An alcohol restriction imposed under this subsection expires when  
2 the licensee reaches the age of 21 years.

3 (3) This subsection may not be construed or applied to limit:

4 (i) The authority of the Administration to impose on a licensee an  
5 alcohol restriction described in subsection (a)(2) of this section; or

6 (ii) The application of any other provision of law that prohibits  
7 consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an individual under the age of 21 years.

8 (d) (1) [In addition to the other restrictions provided in this subtitle]  
9 NOTWITHSTANDING THE LICENSEE'S DRIVING RECORD, the Administration [may  
10 issue] SHALL IMPOSE AN HOUR RESTRICTION ON a provisional driver's license  
11 ISSUED to [applicants who are] AN APPLICANT under the age of 18.

12 (2) [The license may be restricted by requiring that] THE RESTRICTION  
13 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL LIMIT THE HOLDER OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO  
14 DRIVING UNSUPERVISED ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5 A.M. AND 10 P.M.

15 (3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE HOLDER OF A  
16 PROVISIONAL LICENSE FROM DRIVING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 P.M. AND 5 A.M.  
17 THE FOLLOWING DAY IF the licensee [be accompanied] IS:

18 (I) ACCOMPANIED and supervised [at certain times] by a licensed  
19 driver who is at least 21 years old[.];

20 [(3) The Administrator may modify or waive the restriction if the  
21 restriction would affect adversely:

22 (i) ](II) [The] DRIVING TO OR FROM OR IN THE COURSE OF THE  
23 LICENSEE'S employment [or opportunity for employment of the licensee];

24 (III) DRIVING TO OR FROM A SCHOOL CLASS OR OFFICIAL SCHOOL  
25 ACTIVITY;

26 [(ii)] (IV) [The participation of the licensee in] DRIVING TO OR  
27 FROM an organized volunteer program [approved by the Administration and  
28 designed to provide transportation to prevent alcohol- or drug-related driving  
29 offenses and promote highway safety]; or

30 [(iii)] (V) [The] DRIVING TO OR FROM AN opportunity [of the  
31 licensee] to participate in AN athletic [events and] EVENT OR related training  
32 [sessions] SESSION.

33 (4) THE HOUR RESTRICTION AND THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT  
34 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE HOLDER OF THE PROVISIONAL  
35 LICENSE TURNS 18 YEARS OF AGE.

1 (D-1) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE LICENSEE'S DRIVING RECORD, THE  
2 ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMPOSE A RESTRICTION ON EACH PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S  
3 LICENSE PROHIBITING THE LICENSEE FROM OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS  
4 THE LICENSEE AND EACH PASSENGER IS RESTRAINED BY A SEAT BELT OR BY A  
5 CHILD SAFETY SEAT AS PROVIDED IN § 22-412.2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

6 (2) IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THE RESTRICTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
7 OF THIS SUBSECTION IF AN INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY A MEDICAL EXCEPTION UNDER  
8 § 22-412.2(F) OR § 22-412.3(D) AND (E) OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RESTRAINED.

9 (f) (1) [After] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AFTER  
10 receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of a restricted or provisional driver's  
11 license, the Administration may suspend or revoke the license. However, the licensee  
12 may request a hearing as provided for a suspension or revocation under Subtitle 2 of  
13 this title.

14 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THE RESTRICTION UNDER  
15 SUBSECTION (D-1) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE SANCTIONS UNDER § 16-213  
16 OF THIS TITLE.

17 (i) An individual may not drive a vehicle in any manner that violates any  
18 restriction imposed in a provisional license issued to the individual.

19 [16-113.1.

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

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

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

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

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

34 16-117.

35 (a) The Administration shall keep a record of:

36 (1) Each driver's license application that it receives;

1 (2) Each driver's license that it issues; and

2 (3) Each licensee whose license to drive the Administration has  
3 suspended or revoked, and the reasons for the action.

4 (b) (1) The Administration shall file each accident report and abstract of  
5 court disposition records that it receives under the laws of this State.

6 (2) The Administration shall keep convenient records or make suitable  
7 notations showing the convictions or traffic accidents in which each licensee has been  
8 involved [and], every probation before judgment disposition of any violation of §  
9 21-902 of this article, AND EVERY PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION OF A  
10 MOVING VIOLATION BY A HOLDER OF A LEARNER'S PERMIT ISSUED UNDER §  
11 16-105(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR BY A HOLDER OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE ISSUED  
12 UNDER § 16-111 OF THIS SUBTITLE. A record or notation of a probation before  
13 judgment disposition, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.10  
14 or more under § 16-205.1 of this article, shall be segregated by the Administration  
15 and shall be available only to the Administration, the courts, criminal justice  
16 agencies, and the defendant or [his] THE DEFENDANT'S attorney. However, a record  
17 or notation of a probation before judgment, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol  
18 concentration of 0.10 or more under § 16-205.1 of this article, may not be received or  
19 considered by the courts until a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is made by the  
20 defendant or a finding of guilty is made by the court.

21 (3) These records or notations shall be made so that they are readily  
22 available for consideration by the Administration of any license renewal application  
23 and at any other suitable time.

24 (4) Accident reports and abstracts of court convictions pertaining to  
25 driving an emergency vehicle, if received by a person who was driving an emergency  
26 vehicle pursuant to the provisions of § 21-106 of this article, shall be segregated by  
27 the Administration and shall be available only to the Administration.

28 (5) Except as provided in this section, an employee of the Administration  
29 may not disclose any records or information regarding probation before judgment, or  
30 a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.10 or more under §  
31 16-205.1 of this article.

32 (c) If a charge of a Maryland Vehicle Law violation against any individual is  
33 dismissed by a court of competent jurisdiction, a record of the charge and dismissal  
34 may not be included in his driving record.

35 16-117.1.

36 (a) [(1)] In this section [the following words have the meanings indicated.

37 (2) "Criminal], "CRIMINAL offense" does not include any violation of the  
38 Maryland Vehicle Law.

1            [(3) "Moving violation" means a moving violation as defined in  
2 regulations adopted by the Administration for the purpose of assessing points under §  
3 16-402 of this article or a violation of a substantially similar nature reported from  
4 another jurisdiction, other than a violation of any of its size, weight, load, equipment,  
5 or inspection provisions.]

6 16-201.

7        (a)        The Administration may cancel a driver's license issued under this title if  
8 it determines that the licensee:

9            (1)        Was not entitled to be issued the license;

10          (2)        Failed to give the required or correct information in his application;  
11 or

12          (3)        Committed fraud in making the application or in obtaining the  
13 license.

14        (b)        On cancellation, the licensee immediately shall surrender the canceled  
15 license to the Administration.

16 16-206.

17        (a)        (3)        THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE A PROVISIONAL  
18 LICENSE UNDER § 16-213 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19        (d)        (1)        After the Administration refuses to issue a license under this section  
20 [or after the Administration], determines that a suspension should be imposed under  
21 subsection (a)(2) of this section, OR DETERMINES THAT A SUSPENSION OR  
22 REVOCATION SHOULD BE IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, the  
23 Administration immediately shall give written notice to the applicant or licensee, and  
24 the applicant or licensee may request a hearing as provided in Title 12, Subtitle 2 of  
25 this article.

26            (2)        Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Administration may  
27 suspend or revoke a license under this section only after a hearing under Title 12,  
28 Subtitle 2 of this article.

29            (3)        If the Administration determines that there is a likelihood of  
30 substantial and immediate danger and harm to the licensee or others if the license is  
31 continued pending a hearing, the Administration:

32                    (i)        Immediately may suspend the license;

33                    (ii)        Within 7 days of a request for a hearing, shall grant the licensee  
34 a hearing as provided in Title 12, Subtitle 2 of this article; and

35                    (iii)        After the hearing, render an immediate decision as to whether  
36 or not it should continue the suspension or revoke the license.

1 (e) (1) If a licensee fails to appear for a hearing after receiving the written  
2 notice under subsection (d)(1) of this section, the Administration may suspend the  
3 license until the licensee appears for a hearing.

4 (2) A rescheduled hearing shall be held within 30 days of the date of the  
5 request.

6 16-212.1.

7 (a) The Administration, in cooperation with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
8 Administration, shall establish an alcohol and drug education [course to educate  
9 driver's license applicants who are subject to the provisions of § 16-103.1(10) of this  
10 subtitle] PROGRAM TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE  
11 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

12 (b) The [course] PROGRAM shall provide 3 hours of instruction in:

13 (1) The hazards of driving while impaired or intoxicated;

14 (2) The criminal penalties and administrative sanctions for alcohol and  
15 drug related motor vehicle violations;

16 (3) The medical, biological, and psychological effects of the consumption  
17 of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operation of a motor vehicle; and

18 (4) Any other drug and alcohol related information that the  
19 Administration determines would be beneficial to applicants for a driver's license.

20 (c) [The Administration shall establish and collect a fee not to exceed \$35  
21 designed to recover the cost of operating the alcohol and drug education course  
22 established under this section.

23 (d)] The Administration shall adopt regulations establishing criteria for  
24 certifying a private entity to offer the alcohol and drug education [course] PROGRAM  
25 established under this section.

26 16-213.

27 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFENSE" MEANS EITHER A MOVING VIOLATION OR A  
28 LICENSE RESTRICTION VIOLATION UNDER § 16-113(D-1) OF THIS TITLE COMMITTED  
29 BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

30 (1) HOLDS A PROVISIONAL LICENSE UNDER § 16-111 OF THIS TITLE; AND

31 (2) WAS CONVICTED OR RECEIVED PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT FOR  
32 THE VIOLATION.

33 (B) THE SANCTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER  
34 PENALTY OR SANCTIONS THAT MIGHT APPLY AS A RESULT OF A MOVING VIOLATION.

35 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION:

1 (1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, SHALL REQUIRE THE OFFENDER TO ATTEND  
2 A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UNDER § 16-212 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

3 (2) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, SHALL SUSPEND THE OFFENDER'S  
4 PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR 30 DAYS; AND

5 (3) FOR A THIRD OFFENSE, SHALL REVOKE THE OFFENDER'S  
6 PROVISIONAL LICENSE.

7 16-301.

8 (a) A person may not knowingly or fraudulently obtain or attempt to obtain a  
9 driver's license by misrepresentation.

10 (b) A person may not in any application for a driver's license:

11 (1) Use a false or fictitious name;

12 (2) Knowingly make a false statement;

13 (3) Knowingly conceal a material fact; or

14 (4) Otherwise commit a fraud.

15 16-501.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 [(b) "Classroom instructor" means an individual who gives classroom,  
18 simulator, multiple-car range, and on-road behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver  
19 education program approved by either the State Department of Education or the  
20 Administration.

21 (c) "Laboratory instructor" means an individual who gives simulator,  
22 multiple-car range, and on-road behind-the-wheel instruction in a driver education  
23 program approved by either the State Department of Education or the  
24 Administration.]

25 (B) "DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE" MEANS A STANDARDIZED COURSE OF  
26 INSTRUCTION UNDER A DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM, ADOPTED OR APPROVED BY  
27 THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
28 EDUCATION, INTENDED TO TEACH INDIVIDUALS TO SAFELY DRIVE A  
29 NONCOMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.

30 (C) "DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS  
31 COMPLETED REQUIRED CERTIFICATION COURSES AND IS CERTIFIED BY THE  
32 ADMINISTRATION TO TEACH A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE, WHETHER OR NOT THE  
33 INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8 OF THIS  
34 ARTICLE.



1 (D) "DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS THE COURSES AND LEARNING  
2 ACTIVITIES DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE REQUIRED TO  
4 COMPLETE BEFORE OBTAINING A NONCOMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THIS  
5 TITLE.

6 (E) "DRIVERS' SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE  
7 ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES IN ACCORDANCE  
8 WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9 16-502.

10 (a) There is a driver education program, established as part of the highway  
11 safety program of this State.

12 (b) The purpose of the driver education program is to provide a complete  
13 program of driver education to eligible individuals [who are 15, 16, or 17 years old].  
14 16-503.

15 (a) Subject to the regulations adopted under § [16-506(b)(5)] 16-505(B) of this  
16 subtitle on the required offering of the program:

17 (1) The complete program shall be offered to all eligible individuals  
18 before [their initial licensing age] THEY MAY OBTAIN A PROVISIONAL LICENSE  
19 UNDER § 16-111 OF THIS TITLE; and

20 (2) Any individual to whom the program initially is offered remains  
21 eligible to enroll in the program until [he] THE INDIVIDUAL becomes [18 years old]  
22 ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE.

23 (b) Once enrolled in the program, an individual is considered eligible until  
24 [he] THE INDIVIDUAL completes the course.

25 [16-504.

26 (a) Laboratory instruction under the driver education program shall be given  
27 by:

28 (1) A certified classroom instructor; or

29 (2) A certified laboratory instructor under the supervision of a certified  
30 classroom instructor.

31 (b) All other instruction under the driver education program shall be given by  
32 a certified classroom instructor.]

33 [16-505.] 16-504.

34 [(a)] To qualify as a certified [classroom] DRIVER EDUCATION instructor, [a  
35 classroom instructor] AN INDIVIDUAL shall:

1 (1) [Have an appropriate college degree; and] MEET THE  
 2 QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH  
 3 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

4 (2) [Meet the standards adopted under § 16-506 of this subtitle]  
 5 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CERTIFICATION  
 6 COURSES; AND

7 (3) DEMONSTRATE A PROFICIENCY IN TEACHING THE ADOPTED OR  
 8 APPROVED DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE.

9 [(b) To qualify as a certified laboratory instructor, a laboratory instructor shall:

10 (1) Have a high school graduation certificate or its equivalent; and

11 (2) Meet the standards adopted under § 16-506 of this subtitle.

12 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, but subject to the other  
 13 provisions of this subtitle:

14 (1) Any individual who was certified by the Administration as a  
 15 classroom or a laboratory instructor for a licensed drivers' school on or before July 1,  
 16 1974, may renew his or her certification periodically; and

17 (2) Any individual who was certified by the State Department of  
 18 Education as a driver education instructor for a public or a nonpublic school on or  
 19 before July 1, 1974, may:

20 (i) Keep his or her certification; and

21 (ii) Be allowed to continue serving in any school day driver  
 22 education capacity for which he or she was employed during the school year 1973-74;  
 23 or

24 (iii) Be required to serve in a similar school day teaching capacity in  
 25 another subject area for which he or she is certified.]

26 [16-506.] 16-505.

27 (a) Subject to the prior endorsement of the regulations by the State  
 28 Superintendent of Schools, the Administration shall adopt and enforce regulations  
 29 not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement A STANDARDIZED driver education  
 30 [programs] PROGRAM conducted by licensed drivers' schools under its jurisdiction.

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

33 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for [both] classroom  
 34 [and], laboratory, AND ON-ROAD INSTRUCTION phases;

1           (2)     Minimum student performance standards for [successful completion  
2 of] an approved driver education program, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom  
3 instruction AND AT LEAST 6 HOURS OF HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION;

4           (3)     Standards for the certification of schools[, classroom instructors, and  
5 laboratory] AND instructors;

6           (4)     A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education  
7 program;

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

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

11 [16-507.] 16-506.

12       (a)     The Administration may suspend, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew  
13 certification under the driver education program of any drivers' school or of any  
14 classroom or laboratory instructor of a drivers' school, if it finds that the school or  
15 instructor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of or any rule or regulation  
16 adopted under:

17           (1)     This subtitle;

18           (2)     Title 15, Subtitle 7 of this article, as to drivers' schools; or

19           (3)     Title 15, Subtitle 8 of this article, as to driving instructors.

20       (b)     (1)     If the Administration refuses to grant or renew a certification under  
21 this subtitle, the applicant may request a hearing under Title 12, Subtitle 2 of this  
22 article.

23           (2)     The Administration may suspend or revoke a certification under this  
24 subtitle only after a hearing under Title 12, Subtitle 2 of this article.

25 [16-509.] 16-507.

26     This subtitle may be cited as the Maryland Driver Education Program Act.

27     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, the Motor Vehicle  
28 Administration:

29           (1)     prior to July 1, 1999, after consultation with members of the driver  
30 education community and with adequate time for driver schools operating under Title  
31 15, Subtitle 7 of the Transportation Article and driver education programs operated  
32 under Title 16, Subtitle 5 of the Transportation Article to offer the required course by  
33 that date, shall adopt the driver education curriculum required by Section 1 of this  
34 Act;

1           (2)     prior to July 1, 1999, in conjunction with the State Department of  
2 Education, shall adopt regulations governing the qualifications of driver instructors  
3 under Title 15, Subtitle 8 and Title 16, Subtitle 5 of the Transportation Article;

4           (3)     shall develop a system for adequate monitoring of entities providing  
5 driving instruction; and

6           (4)     shall take any other actions necessary for implementation of Section  
7 1 of this Act by July 1, 1999.

8     SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section  
9 1 of this Act, any individual who has a learner's permit on June 30, 1999 may qualify  
10 for a license based on provisions in effect on June 30, 1999 as long as the individual:

11           (1)     obtains a driver's license before the learner's permit expires; or

12           (2)     renews the learner's permit in accordance with Motor Vehicle  
13 Administration regulations by the date that the learner's permit would otherwise  
14 expire.

15     SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section  
16 1 of this Act, any individual who has a provisional license on June 30, 1999, is entitled  
17 to retain that license and obtain a driver's license based on provisions in effect on  
18 June 30, 1999, as long as the individual otherwise is entitled to a driver's license  
19 under provisions in effect on that date.

20     SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
21 take effect July 1, 1999. Section 16-110(i) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by  
22 Section 1 of this Act, shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
23 June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, § 16-110(i) of  
24 the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and  
25 of no further force and effect.

26     SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of  
27 this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.