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By: **Southern Maryland Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drivers' Education - Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in**
3 **Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in
5 Maryland; providing for the composition, organization, staffing, and duties of
6 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report on or before a
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
8 the Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland.

9 **Preamble**

10 WHEREAS, Driving is a life experience fundamental in today's society and
11 common to most of the State's youth; and

12 WHEREAS, Driver's education programs are no longer provided in Maryland
13 public schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Increasing accidents and deaths are occurring among our student
15 population; and

16 WHEREAS, Instructional technologies including simulation techniques have
17 evolved in recent years to the point of financial viability and realism; now, therefore,

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (1) There is a Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland.

- 1 (2) The Task Force shall be comprised of the following 18 members:
- 2 (i) Two members from the House of Delegates, appointed by the
3 Speaker of the House;
- 4 (ii) Two members from the Senate, appointed by the President of
5 the Senate;
- 6 (iii) Two members from the Motor Vehicle Administration;
- 7 (iv) Two local board of education representatives, appointed by the
8 Maryland Association of Boards of Education, of which:
- 9 1. One member shall be from a ~~charter~~ home rule county;
10 and
- 11 2. One member shall be from a commission county;
- 12 (v) One member from the Department of State Police;
- 13 (vi) One member from the State Emergency Medical Services
14 Board;
- 15 (vii) The State Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's
16 designee;
- 17 (viii) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
18 designee;
- 19 (ix) One local school superintendent, appointed by the Public School
20 Superintendents Association of Maryland;
- 21 (x) Two secondary school principals, appointed by the Maryland
22 Association of Secondary School Principals;
- 23 (xi) Two members from the Maryland Professional Driver
24 Education Association; and
- 25 (xii) One member of the State Parent Teacher's Association.
- 26 (3) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.
- 27 (4) ~~The Department of Legislative Services~~ Motor Vehicle
28 Administration shall provide staff support for the Task Force.
- 29 (5) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation.
- 30 (6) The Task Force shall:
- 31 (i) Examine driver education program standards and criteria
32 currently required by private drivers' schools licensed in the State;

- 1 (ii) Examine driver education program standards and criteria
2 currently required by other states;
- 3 (iii) Evaluate what can be done to improve private driver education
4 programs in the State;
- 5 (iv) Evaluate the feasibility and merits of returning driver's
6 education programs to the public schools, including:
- 7 1. The level of State oversight required; and
8 2. The costs and drawbacks to the public schools; and
- 9 (v) Make recommendations based on its evaluations and findings.
- 10 (7) On or before December 31, 1999, the Task Force shall report its
11 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the
12 State Government Article.
- 13 (8) This Act shall terminate and be of no effect after April 1, 2000.
- 14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.