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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License Restrictions - Vision Correction**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual with a driver's license containing a
4 vision related restriction, and who has had a vision correction surgery enabling
5 the individual to qualify for an unrestricted license, to apply to the Motor
6 Vehicle Administration for a ~~correction card~~ corrected license attachment
7 ~~indicating the removal of the restriction; requiring an individual applying for a~~
8 ~~certain correction card license attachment to submit to the Administration a~~
9 ~~report of examination by or to carry, for a certain period, a written certification~~
10 from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist that the individual meets certain
11 vision requirements; and generally relating to vision correction and driver's
12 license restrictions.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 16-110.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 16-110.1.

22 (a) For an unrestricted license, each applicant is required to have:

1 (1) Simultaneously:

2 (i) A minimum visual acuity of 20/40 in each eye; and

3 (ii) A continuous field of vision of at least 140 degrees; and

4 (2) Binocular vision.

5 (b) If the applicant's vision can be corrected by glasses or contact lenses to
6 meet the standards of this section, the Administration may issue the applicant a
7 restricted license, endorsed "corrective lenses".

8 (c) (1) The Administration may issue a restricted license to an applicant
9 who has simultaneously:

10 (i) A visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes; and

11 (ii) A continuous field of vision of at least 110 degrees and with at
12 least 35 degrees lateral to the midline of each side.

13 (2) To qualify for a restricted license under this subsection, the
14 Administration may require an applicant to submit a report of examination by a
15 licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist for evaluation by the Administration or its
16 Medical Advisory Board.

17 (3) A license issued under this subsection:

18 (i) Shall be endorsed "outside mirrors each side"; and

19 (ii) May be subject to additional restrictions imposed by the
20 Administration, based on recommendations of the applicant's ophthalmologist or
21 optometrist, or any other evaluation that the Administration determines appropriate.

22 (d) (1) The Administration may only issue a restricted noncommercial
23 driver's license to an applicant who does not otherwise meet the vision standards
24 under this section but who has simultaneously:

25 (i) A visual acuity of at least 20/70 in one or both eyes; and

26 (ii) A continuous field of vision of at least 110 degrees and with at
27 least 35 degrees lateral to the midline of each side.

28 (2) To qualify for a restricted license under this subsection, the
29 Administration may require an applicant to submit a report of examination by a
30 licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist for evaluation by the Administration or its
31 Medical Advisory Board.

32 (3) A license issued under this subsection:

33 (i) Shall be endorsed "outside mirrors each side"; and

1 (ii) May be subject to additional restrictions imposed by the
2 Administration, based on recommendations of the applicant's ophthalmologist or
3 optometrist, or any other evaluation that the Administration determines appropriate.

4 (e) The Administration may not issue any driver's license if the applicant does
5 not meet the vision standards under this subtitle.

6 (F) ~~(H)~~ AN INDIVIDUAL ISSUED A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER
7 THIS SECTION WHO HAS HAD VISION CORRECTION SURGERY RESULTING IN THE
8 INDIVIDUAL'S MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE MAY:

9 (1) APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A ~~CORRECTION CARD~~
10 CORRECTED LICENSE ATTACHMENT INDICATING THE REMOVAL OF THE WITHOUT
11 THE VISION RESTRICTION; OR

12 (2) ~~AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A CORRECTION CARD LICENSE~~
13 ~~ATTACHMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION A~~
14 ~~REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY UNTIL THE TIME OF A LICENSE RENEWAL OR~~
15 ~~ISSUANCE OF A CORRECTED LICENSE, CARRY WRITTEN CERTIFICATION FROM A~~
16 ~~LICENSED OPHTHALMOLOGIST OR OPTOMETRIST FOR EVALUATION BY THE~~
17 ~~ADMINISTRATION OR ITS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS~~
18 THE VISION REQUIREMENTS FOR AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2000.