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House Bill 1406 (Delegate Brinklev)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Driver's License Restrictions - Vision Correction

This bill authorizes an individual who is issued a vision restricted driver's license to apply to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for a corrected license without the vision restriction if that individual has had vision correction surgery resulting in the individual's meeting the vision requirements. The bill also authorizes such an individual to carry written certification from a licensed ophthalmologist that states the individual meets the vision requirements until the time of license renewal or the issuance of a corrected license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's provisions could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the MVA.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The MVA issues vision restricted licenses to applicants who have simultaneously: (1) a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes; and (2) a continuous field of vision of at least 110 degrees and with at least 35 degrees lateral to the midline of each side. If an individual has vision correction surgery and thus meets the vision requirements, it is MVA's policy to issue a new license without a vision restriction.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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