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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Commercial Drivers' Licenses - Special School Bus**
3 **Endorsement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an operator of a school bus to obtain a special
5 commercial driver's license endorsement from the Motor Vehicle Administration
6 under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain requirement for driving a
7 school bus; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
8 driver's license requirements for school bus drivers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 16-815 and 16-816
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 16-815.

18 (a) (1) A Class A commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive
19 the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

20 (i) Any combinations of vehicles with a gross combination weight of
21 26,001 or more pounds if the GVW of the vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000
22 pounds; and

23 (ii) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles that a Class B
24 commercial driver's license authorizes its holder to drive.

25 (2) An individual who is issued a Class A commercial driver's license
26 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
27 highway in this State unless a Class A commercial driver's license or an appropriately

1 endorsed Class A commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a
2 vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

3 (b) (1) A Class B commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive
4 the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

5 (i) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001
6 or more pounds;

7 (ii) Any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds
8 GVW; and

9 (iii) Any vehicle that a Class C commercial driver's license
10 authorizes its holder to drive.

11 (2) An individual who is issued a Class B commercial driver's license
12 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
13 highway in this State unless a Class B commercial driver's license or an appropriately
14 endorsed Class B commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a
15 vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

16 (c) (1) A Class C commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive
17 the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

18 (i) Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight
19 (GVW);

20 (ii) Any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds
21 GVW; and

22 (iii) Any vehicle which a noncommercial Class C driver's license
23 authorizes its holder to drive, except for motorcycles.

24 (2) An individual who is issued a Class C commercial driver's license
25 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
26 highway in this State unless a Class C commercial driver's license or an appropriately
27 endorsed Class C commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a
28 vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

29 (d) (1) A commercial driver's instructional permit authorizes the holder to
30 operate commercial motor vehicles of Class A, B, and C subject to the conditions of
31 Subtitle 1 of this title.

32 (2) An instructional permit is not a license within the meaning of the
33 single license restriction placed upon drivers of commercial motor vehicles.

34 (e) In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of
35 this section, an operator must obtain State-issued endorsements of an operator's
36 commercial driver's license to operate commercial motor vehicles which are:

- 1 (1) Double/triple trailers;
- 2 (2) Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the
3 driver (passenger vehicles);
- 4 (3) SCHOOL BUSES;
- 5 [(3)] (4) Tank vehicles; or
- 6 [(4)] (5) Required to be placarded for hazardous materials.
- 7 16-816.

8 (a) An individual may not drive a school vehicle (school bus) on any highway
9 in this State unless the individual:

- 10 (1) Passes an appropriate medical examination; and
- 11 (2) Has been issued a commercial driver's license endorsed [passenger
12 vehicle] SCHOOL BUS.

13 (b) With the advice of the State Department of Education, the Administration
14 may adopt regulations concerning the qualifications of school vehicle drivers.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
16 construed prospectively to apply only to individuals applying for a commercial driver's
17 license to drive a school bus on or after the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2001.