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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver's License Provisions - Safe Driving**
3 **Credit System**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to maintain a safe
5 driving credit system for all licensees; requiring the Administration to award a
6 safe driving credit, up to a certain limit, to licensees who meet certain safe
7 driving standards; requiring the Administration to apply safe driving credits in
8 a certain manner to offset points assessed against a licensee; providing for the
9 invalidation of a safe driving credit under certain circumstances; and generally
10 relating to safe driving credits.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 16-402.2
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 16-402.2.

20 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT SYSTEM
21 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ISSUED A DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.

22 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH CALENDAR
23 YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT TO EACH
24 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DRIVING RECORD DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUSPENSION,
25 REVOCATION, OR CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 388, § 388A, OR §
26 388B OF THE CODE, § 21-902 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, OR OF THE VEHICLE
27 LAWS OR REGULATIONS OF THIS STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

1 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF MORE THAN FIVE
2 SAFE DRIVING CREDITS.

3 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

4 (1) USE ACCUMULATED SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO OFFSET AN
5 EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF ACCUMULATED POINTS, IF ANY; AND

6 (2) APPLY THE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO THE CHRONOLOGICALLY
7 EARLIEST CONVICTION FOR WHICH POINTS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AND ARE VALID.

8 (E) A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
9 INVALIDATED IF THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES A NOTICE OF CONVICTION FOR A
10 VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 388, § 388A, OR § 388B OF THE CODE, § 21-902 OF THE
11 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, OR OF THE VEHICLE LAWS OR REGULATIONS OF THIS
12 STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OCCURRING DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH
13 THE SAFE DRIVING CREDIT WAS AWARDED.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2001.