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CHAPTER _____

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 certain points assessed against a licensee; providing
9 for the invalidation of a safe driving credit under certain circumstances; and
10 generally 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 2001 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.

1 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH CALENDAR
2 YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT TO EACH
3 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DRIVING RECORD DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUSPENSION,
4 REVOCATION, CONVICTION, OR PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION FOR A
5 VIOLATION OF § 2-209, TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 5, OR § 3-211 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW
6 ARTICLE, § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR ANY VEHICLE LAW OR REGULATION OF THIS
7 STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

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

10 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

11 (1) USE AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACCUMULATED SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO
12 OFFSET AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL
13 AFTER EACH CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A MOVING VIOLATION FOR
14 WHICH NOT MORE THAN 2 POINTS MAY BE ASSESSED UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS
15 SUBTITLE; AND

16 (2) APPLY THE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO THE CHRONOLOGICALLY
17 EARLIEST CONVICTION FOR WHICH POINTS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AND ARE VALID.

18 (E) A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
19 INVALIDATED IF THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES A NOTICE OF CONVICTION OR
20 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION FOR A VIOLATION OF § 2-209, TITLE 2,
21 SUBTITLE 5, OR § 3-211 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR
22 ANY VEHICLE LAW OR REGULATION OF THIS STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY
23 THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE SAFE DRIVING CREDIT WAS
24 AWARDED.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2002.