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ENROLLED BILL
-- *Judicial Proceedings/Commerce and Government Matters* --

Introduced by **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -
Transportation)**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

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 a special school bus endorsement as
8 an endorsement for operating certain other vehicles; providing for the
9 application of this Act; *clarifying certain language*; and generally relating to
10 driver's license requirements for school bus drivers.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 16-815 and 16-816
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 16-815.

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

7 (i) Any combinations of vehicles with a gross combination weight of
8 26,001 or more pounds if the GVW of the vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000
9 pounds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) An individual who is issued a Class B 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 B commercial driver's license or an appropriately
28 endorsed Class B commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a
29 vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (e) (1) In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and
14 (c) of this section, an operator must obtain State-issued endorsements of an
15 operator's commercial driver's license to operate commercial motor vehicles which
16 are:

17 [(1)] (I) Double/triple trailers;

18 [(2)] (II) Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including
19 the driver (passenger vehicles);

20 (III) SCHOOL BUSES;

21 [(3)] (IV) Tank vehicles; or

22 [(4)] (V) Required to be placarded for hazardous materials.

23 (2) A SCHOOL BUS ENDORSEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
24 SUBSECTION IS ALSO AN ENDORSEMENT FOR VEHICLES DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT
25 16 OR MORE PASSENGERS INCLUDING THE DRIVER (PASSENGER VEHICLES).

26 16-816.

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

29 (1) Passes an appropriate medical examination; and

30 (2) ~~Has~~ ***FOR DRIVING A SCHOOL BUS, HAS*** been issued a commercial
31 driver's license endorsed [passenger vehicle] SCHOOL BUS.

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

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

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 2002.