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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -
Transportation)**

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

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 16-815.

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

22 (i) Any combinations of vehicles with a gross combination weight of
23 26,001 or more pounds if the GVW of the vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000
24 pounds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (III) SCHOOL BUSES;

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

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

11 (2) A SCHOOL BUS ENDORSEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
12 SUBSECTION IS ALSO AN ENDORSEMENT FOR VEHICLES DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT
13 16 OR MORE PASSENGERS INCLUDING THE DRIVER (PASSENGER VEHICLES).

14 16-816.

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

17 (1) Passes an appropriate medical examination; and

18 (2) Has been issued a commercial driver's license endorsed [passenger
19 vehicle] SCHOOL BUS.

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

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

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