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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Unsafe Drivers - License Renewal Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual to pay certain additional fees for the
4 renewal of a driver's license if a certain number of points have been assessed
5 against the individual or the individual has been convicted of certain alcohol- or
6 drug-related offenses within a certain time period prior to renewal; requiring
7 the Motor Vehicle Administration to send a notice to an individual subject to a
8 fee under this Act a certain number of days before license renewal; requiring an
9 individual to pay a fee under this Act before the individual's driver's license may
10 be renewed, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration
11 to establish a certain schedule for payment of a fee charged under this Act and
12 to renew an individual's driver's license under certain circumstances subject to
13 license suspension for failure to pay the fee according to the schedule; and
14 generally relating to the fee for driver's license renewal.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 16-111.2
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 16-111.2.

24 (a) (1) When an applicant applies for an initial driver's license or for a class
25 of driver's license other than that which the applicant currently holds, the applicant
26 shall pay the Administration a license fee established by the Administration. This fee
27 covers issuance of a learner's instructional permit and, if the applicant qualifies
28 before the learner's instructional permit expires, issuance of a driver's license or
29 provisional license.

1 (2) If a learner's instructional permit is not required, the applicant shall
2 pay the Administration, when the driver's license is issued, a license fee established
3 by the Administration.

4 (b) (1) [For] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the
5 renewal of a noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E, or M driver's license, a licensee shall
6 pay the Administration a renewal fee established by the Administration.

7 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE RENEWAL FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER
8 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LICENSEE RENEWING A NONCOMMERCIAL
9 CLASS A, B, C, D, E, OR M DRIVER'S LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
10 FEES:

11 (I) IF THE LICENSEE HAS ACCUMULATED 6 POINTS ON THE
12 LICENSEE'S DRIVING RECORD IN THE 3 YEARS PRIOR TO RENEWAL, EXCLUDING
13 POINTS ACCUMULATED FOR A CONVICTION UNDER § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, A FEE
14 OF \$100;

15 (II) IF THE LICENSEE HAS ACCUMULATED MORE THAN 6 POINTS
16 ON THE LICENSEE'S DRIVING RECORD IN THE 3 YEARS PRIOR TO RENEWAL,
17 EXCLUDING POINTS ACCUMULATED FOR A CONVICTION UNDER § 21-902 OF THIS
18 ARTICLE, FOR EACH POINT ABOVE 6 THAT A LICENSEE HAS ACCUMULATED, A FEE OF
19 \$25 PER POINT;

20 (III) IF THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE 3 YEARS PRIOR
21 TO THE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN
22 OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 21-902 OF
23 THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE OF \$1,000;

24 (IV) IF THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE 3 YEARS PRIOR
25 TO THE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR TWO VIOLATIONS OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR
26 AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 21-902
27 OF THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE OF \$1,500; AND

28 (V) IF THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE 3 YEARS PRIOR
29 TO THE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THREE OR MORE VIOLATIONS OF § 21-902 OF THIS
30 ARTICLE, OR AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION
31 OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE OF \$2,500.

32 (3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND NOTICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
33 SUBJECT TO A FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AT LEAST 30 DAYS
34 PRIOR TO THE DATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE IS DUE FOR RENEWAL.

35 (II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A
36 LICENSE MAY NOT BE RENEWED UNLESS ALL FEES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH
37 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION HAVE BEEN PAID.

38 (III) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR
39 PAYMENT OF FEES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND MAY RENEW AN

1 INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE IF THE PAYMENT
2 SCHEDULE IS NOT FOLLOWED.

3 (c) For issuance of a duplicate or corrected noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E,
4 or M driver's license, a licensee shall pay the Administration a duplicate or corrected
5 driver's license fee established by the Administration.

6 (d) For conversion of a provisional license to a driver's license issued under §
7 16-111.1 of this subtitle, a licensee shall pay the Administration a fee established by
8 the Administration.

9 (e) A licensee shall pay a fee established by the Administration if:

10 (1) The license is issued or renewed under § 16-104.1 of this subtitle;
11 and

12 (2) The licensee presents proof to the Administration that immediately
13 before the conversion of the license under § 16-104 of this subtitle, the licensee was
14 qualified to operate vehicles of the same class.

15 (f) (1) Whenever an applicant or licensee pays a fee required under
16 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Administration shall offer the individual the
17 option to make a voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Organ and Tissue Donation
18 Awareness Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Health - General
19 Article.

20 (2) All moneys collected under this subsection shall be paid to the
21 Comptroller of the State and deposited into the Organ and Tissue Donation
22 Awareness Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Health - General
23 Article.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2004.