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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License Fees - Military Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from imposing
4 certain driver's license fees if the licensee or applicant is a veteran of a branch of
5 the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces
6 of the United States who meets certain residency requirements, served on active
7 duty during a certain time period, and was discharged or separated from service
8 under honorable conditions; prohibiting the Administration from imposing
9 certain driver's license fees if the licensee or applicant is a member or former
10 member of the National Guard or other reserve component of the armed forces of
11 the United States with a certain number of years of creditable service; and
12 generally relating to driver's license fees.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 16-111.2
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 16-111.2.

22 (a) (1) When an applicant applies for an initial driver's license or for a class
23 of driver's license other than that which the applicant currently holds, the applicant
24 shall pay the Administration a license fee established by the Administration. This fee
25 covers issuance of a learner's instructional permit and, if the applicant qualifies
26 before the learner's instructional permit expires, issuance of a driver's license or
27 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 (3) If an appointment to take a driver's license examination made by the
5 applicant is not kept, the Administration may charge the applicant a missed
6 appointment fee established by the Administration.

7 (b) For the renewal of a noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E, or M driver's
8 license, a licensee shall pay the Administration a renewal fee established by the
9 Administration.

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

13 (d) For conversion of a provisional license to a driver's license issued under §
14 16-111.1 of this subtitle, a licensee shall pay the Administration a fee established by
15 the Administration.

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

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

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

22 (f) (1) Whenever an applicant or licensee pays a fee required under
23 subsection (a)(1) or (2) or (b) of this section, the Administration shall offer the
24 individual the option to make a voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Organ and Tissue
25 Donation Awareness Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Health -
26 General Article.

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

31 (G) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE
32 ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY FEE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE
33 LICENSEE OR APPLICANT IS:

34 (1) A VETERAN OF A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
35 STATES, OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
36 STATES, WHO:

37 (I) 1. RESIDED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT OR
38 COMMISSIONING; OR

1 2. RESIDED IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS
2 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE;

3 (II) SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY DURING WARTIME OR DURING ANY
4 CONFLICT IN WHICH PERSONNEL WERE COMMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
5 UNITED STATES; AND

6 (III) WAS DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE UNDER
7 HONORABLE CONDITIONS; OR

8 (2) A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR
9 OTHER RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO
10 HAS AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2005.