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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Driver Education - Mandatory Instruction in Public High Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize,
4   county boards of education to offer instruction in the safe operation of a motor
5   vehicle to certain high school students; and generally relating to driver
6   education for high school students in public schools.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article - Education
9   Section 7-414
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14   **Article - Education**

15 7-414.

16   (a)   (1)   Each county board [may] SHALL offer instruction in the safe
17 operation of a motor vehicle to high school students who are 15 years old or older.

18   (2)   The instruction shall be given as provided by Title 16, Subtitle 5 of
19 the Transportation Article.

20   (3)   Each county board shall determine whether the course is an elective
21 or a required course.

22   (4)   The State Board shall determine what credit, if any, is allowed to
23 successful students of the course.

24   (b)   The principal of each school that offers the driver education course shall
25 arrange the time set aside for actual driving instruction so that it does not interfere
26 with other school work.

1   (c)   (1)   Each motor vehicle used for instruction shall bear the identification
2 required by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

3   (2)   If practicable, the actual driving instruction shall be conducted on
4 private or public property that is removed from State roads.

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