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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Drivers of Motor Homes - Driver Licensing Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from certain driver licensing requirements an
 4 individual who is driving a certain motor home if the individual holds a valid
 5 Class C driver's license; making stylistic changes; requiring the Motor Vehicle
 6 Administration to study certain issues relating to driver licensing for the
 7 operation of motor homes; requiring the Administration to report to the General
 8 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
 9 and generally relating to an exemption from certain driver licensing
 10 requirements for certain individuals.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 12 Article - Transportation
 13 Section 11-134.3
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 17 Article - Transportation
 18 Section 16-102(a)
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
 20 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Transportation**

2 11-134.3.

3 "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily
4 to provide living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

5 16-102.

6 (a) The licensing requirements of this title do not apply to:

7 (1) An officer or employee of the United States while driving on official
8 business a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle owned or operated by
9 the United States;

10 (2) Except for members elected from this State, a member of the United
11 States Congress who resides in this State during [his] THE MEMBER'S term of office
12 in the Congress;

13 (3) An individual while driving any road machine, farm tractor, or farm
14 equipment temporarily driven on a highway in this State, or dock equipment at
15 Dundalk or Locust Point marine terminals which does not require registration under
16 the provisions of this article;

17 (4) An individual who, while driving a mobile crane on a highway to or
18 from a construction site in this State, [has with him] HOLDS a valid Class A, B, or C
19 license issued to [him] THE INDIVIDUAL under § 16-104.1 of this subtitle or a Class
20 A or B commercial driver's license issued to [him] THE INDIVIDUAL under this title;

21 (5) A nonresident student enrolled in an accredited school, college, or
22 university of this State or of a bordering state or serving a medical internship in this
23 State, if:

24 (i) The state of which the student is a resident extends the same
25 privileges to the residents of this State;

26 (ii) The student [has with him] HOLDS a license to drive issued to
27 [him] THE STUDENT by the state of which [he] THE STUDENT is a resident; and

28 (iii) The license authorizes the student to drive in the state of which
29 [he] THE STUDENT is a resident vehicles of the class [he] THE STUDENT is driving in
30 this State;

31 (6) A new resident of this State during the first 60 days of residency, if:

32 (i) The individual has a valid license issued by the state of which
33 the individual formerly was a resident;

34 (ii) The license authorizes the individual to drive in the state of
35 former residence vehicles of the class the individual is driving in this State; and

1 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required for a
2 resident to drive a vehicle of the same class the individual is driving in this State;

3 (7) A member of the armed forces of the United States or of the United
4 States Public Health Service who is serving on active duty and any dependent of the
5 member, if:

6 (i) The driver [has with him] HOLDS a license to drive issued to
7 [him] THE DRIVER by [his] THE DRIVER'S state of domicile; and

8 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive in [his] THE DRIVER'S
9 state of domicile vehicles of the class [he is driving] BEING DRIVEN in this State;

10 (8) For not more than 30 days after [he] THE MEMBER returns to the
11 United States, a member of the armed forces of the United States who is returning
12 from active duty outside the United States and any dependent of the member who is
13 returning from residence with the member outside the United States; if:

14 (i) The driver [has with him] HOLDS a license to drive issued to
15 [him] THE DRIVER by the armed forces of the United States in a place outside the
16 United States; and

17 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive vehicles of the class
18 [he is driving] BEING DRIVEN in this State;

19 (9) A nonresident of this State if:

20 (i) [He has with him] THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS a license to drive
21 issued to [him] THE INDIVIDUAL by the state of [his] residence;

22 (ii) [His] THE INDIVIDUAL'S license authorizes [him] THE
23 INDIVIDUAL to drive in that state vehicles of the class [he is driving] BEING DRIVEN
24 in this State; and

25 (iii) [He] THE INDIVIDUAL is at least the same age as that required
26 of a resident for the vehicle [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is driving in this State;

27 (10) A nonresident of the United States if:

28 (i) The individual has a valid license to drive issued to the
29 individual by the country of residence;

30 (ii) The individual's license authorizes [him] THE INDIVIDUAL to
31 drive in that country vehicles of the class [he is driving] BEING DRIVEN in this State;

32 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required of a
33 resident for the vehicle [he] THE INDIVIDUAL is driving in this State; and

34 (iv) Except as provided for in Subtitle 8 of this title, the vehicle is
35 not a commercial motor vehicle;

1 (11) A member of the Maryland National Guard or a National Guard
2 military technician if:

3 (i) The driver is driving a military vehicle in the performance of
4 duty; and

5 (ii) The driver [has with him] HOLDS an operator's identification
6 card issued by the Maryland National Guard for the type of military vehicle being
7 driven; [and]

8 (12) A member or employee of a fire department, rescue squad, emergency
9 medical services unit, or volunteer fire company while driving an emergency vehicle if
10 the driver:

11 (i) Holds a valid Class C license issued to the driver under §
12 16-104.1 of this subtitle;

13 (ii) Has been authorized by the political subdivision that operates a
14 fire department, rescue squad, emergency medical services unit, or volunteer fire
15 department to operate the type of emergency vehicle being driven; and

16 (iii) Is driving the emergency vehicle in the performance of the
17 official duties of the driver in or out of this State; AND

18 (13) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR HOME AS DEFINED
19 UNDER § 11-134.3 OF THIS ARTICLE, HOLDS A VALID CLASS C LICENSE ISSUED TO THE
20 INDIVIDUAL UNDER § 16-104.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

22 (a) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall study issues relating to the
23 licensing of drivers of motor homes, including:

24 (1) training;

25 (2) testing;

26 (3) requiring an endorsement for motor homes on a noncommercial Class
27 C driver's license;

28 (4) the feasibility of grandfathering licensees who currently drive motor
29 homes; and

30 (5) any other issues identified by the Administration.

31 (b) On or before December 31, 2006, the Administration shall report its
32 findings to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
33 Government Article.

34 ~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
35 effect ~~October 1, 2006.~~ June 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year

- 1 and, at the end of May 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General
- 2 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.