

SENATE BILL 383

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SB 745/05 – JPR

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By: **Senator Haines**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Driver’s License Provisions – Safe Driving**
3 **Credit System**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to maintain a safe
5 driving credit system for all licensees; requiring the Administration to award a
6 safe driving credit, up to a certain limit, to licensees who meet certain safe
7 driving standards; requiring the Administration to apply safe driving credits in
8 a certain manner to offset certain points assessed against a licensee; providing
9 for the invalidation of a safe driving credit under certain circumstances; and
10 generally relating to a safe driving credit system.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 16–402.2
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 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 **16–402.2.**

20 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT**
21 **SYSTEM FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ISSUED A DRIVER’S LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH**
2 **CALENDAR YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT**
3 **TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DRIVING RECORD DOES NOT CONTAIN A**
4 **SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, CONVICTION, OR PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT**
5 **DISPOSITION FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE OR § 2-209, TITLE**
6 **2, SUBTITLE 5, OR § 3-211 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR ANY VEHICLE**
7 **LAW OR REGULATION OF THE STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

8 **(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF MORE THAN**
9 **FIVE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS.**

10 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

11 **(1) USE AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACCUMULATED SAFE DRIVING CREDITS**
12 **TO OFFSET AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST THE**
13 **INDIVIDUAL AFTER EACH CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A MOVING**
14 **VIOLATION FOR WHICH NOT MORE THAN TWO POINTS MAY BE ASSESSED UNDER**
15 **§ 16-402 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

16 **(2) APPLY THE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO THE**
17 **CHRONOLOGICALLY EARLIEST CONVICTION FOR WHICH POINTS HAVE BEEN**
18 **ASSESSED AND ARE VALID.**

19 **(E) A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**
20 **INVALIDATED IF THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES A NOTICE OF CONVICTION OR**
21 **A NOTICE OF PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION FOR A VIOLATION**
22 **OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE OR § 2-209, TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 5, OR § 3-211 OF**
23 **THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR ANY VEHICLE LAW OR REGULATION OF THE**
24 **STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PERIOD**
25 **FOR WHICH THE SAFE DRIVING CREDIT WAS AWARDED.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2007.