

# SENATE BILL 383

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By: **Senator Haines**  
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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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**

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **16-402.2.**

2 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT  
3 SYSTEM FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ISSUED A DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.

4 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH  
5 CALENDAR YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD A SAFE DRIVING CREDIT  
6 TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DRIVING RECORD DOES NOT CONTAIN A  
7 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, CONVICTION, OR PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT  
8 DISPOSITION FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE OR § 2-209, TITLE  
9 2, SUBTITLE 5, OR § 3-211 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR ANY VEHICLE  
10 LAW OR REGULATION OF THE STATE OR OF ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

11 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF MORE THAN  
12 FIVE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS.

13 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

14 (1) USE AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACCUMULATED SAFE DRIVING CREDITS  
15 TO OFFSET AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST THE  
16 INDIVIDUAL AFTER EACH CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A MOVING  
17 VIOLATION FOR WHICH NOT MORE THAN TWO POINTS MAY BE ASSESSED UNDER  
18 § 16-402 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

19 (2) APPLY THE SAFE DRIVING CREDITS TO THE  
20 CHRONOLOGICALLY EARLIEST CONVICTION FOR WHICH POINTS HAVE BEEN  
21 ASSESSED AND ARE VALID.

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

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