

SENATE BILL 551

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By: **Senator Garagiola**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – For-Hire Driver’s License – Review of Driving**
3 **Record of Applicant**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Public Service Commission ~~require a review of~~
5 the complete Maryland driving record of an applicant for a for-hire driver’s
6 license and ~~require a review of certain portions of the~~ the applicant’s driving
7 record of an applicant from each state in which the applicant held a driver’s
8 license during a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring the
9 Commission to meet with certain representatives to consider certain options for
10 licensing and regulating certain drivers; requiring the Commission to report by
11 a certain date on certain options, findings, and recommendations; and generally
12 relating to for-hire driver’s licenses.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Public Utility Companies
15 Section 10–104(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1998 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

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 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

2 10–104.

3 (a) (1) An applicant for a for–hire driver’s license shall:

4 (i) submit to the Commission a completed application on the
5 form that the Commission provides;

6 (ii) state on the form that the applicant is applying for a
7 passenger–for–hire driver’s license or a taxicab driver’s license;

8 (iii) pay to the Commission an application fee set by the
9 Commission;

10 (iv) file with the application two recent photographs, of a size
11 that may be easily attached to the license; and

12 (v) apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central
13 Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for a State
14 criminal history records check as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

15 (2) The Commission shall:

16 (i) ~~require a~~ **REVIEW OF THE APPLICANT’S COMPLETE**
17 **MARYLAND** driving record [check of the applicant];

18 (ii) ~~REQUIRE A REVIEW OF THE LAST 3 YEARS OF THE~~
19 ~~APPLICANT’S DRIVING RECORD FROM EACH STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT~~
20 ~~HAS HELD A DRIVER’S LICENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS~~ **REVIEW THE**
21 **APPLICANT’S DRIVING RECORD, FOR THE 10 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF**
22 **APPLICATION, FROM EACH STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS HELD A**
23 **DRIVER’S LICENSE DURING THAT TIME;**

24 (III) attach one of the photographs to the for–hire driver’s license
25 when issued; and

26 [(iii)] (IV) file the other photograph with the for–hire driver’s
27 license application in the Commission’s office.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public Service
2 Commission shall meet with representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area
3 Transit Commission and of the transportation divisions of Prince George's and
4 Montgomery counties to consider possible options for licensing and regulating drivers
5 operating within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission region in
6 Maryland. On or before January 15, 2008, the Commission shall report to the General
7 Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the options
8 considered and the Commission's findings and recommendations.

9 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
10 effect October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.