

HOUSE BILL 962

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Driver’s License Renewal – Vision Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that an applicant for renewal of a driver’s
4 license who is within a certain age range take a vision test as prescribed by the
5 Motor Vehicle Administration if the applicant has not passed a vision test
6 within a certain period of time; and generally relating to driver’s license
7 renewal and vision testing.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 16–115(h)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 16–115.

17 (h) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
18 Administration shall require every individual applying for renewal of a driver’s license
19 to pass a vision test as prescribed by the Administration.

20 (2) (i) The Administration shall accept a certification of acceptable
21 visual acuity from a licensed physician or optometrist instead of requiring the actual
22 test provided for in this subsection.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) The examination for which certification is made shall take
2 place within 12 months of the date of application for renewal.

3 (3) An individual at least 21 years of age but under the age of 40 years
4 may apply for renewal of a driver's license electronically or by mail or other means
5 authorized by the Administration without taking a vision test [if the applicant has
6 passed a vision test authorized by the Administration within the previous 6 years].

7 (4) (i) If the Administration has reason to believe that an
8 individual is a safety hazard by reason of a vision deficiency, the Administration may
9 require the vision test provided for in this subsection at a time other than renewal of a
10 driver's license.

11 (ii) The Administration may adopt regulations to implement the
12 provisions of this subsection.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2008.