

SENATE BILL 111

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Identification Cards and Drivers’ Licenses – Period of**
3 **Validity**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum period of time during which an
5 identification card issued to an applicant under a certain age may be valid;
6 increasing the maximum period of time during which a driver’s license issued to
7 a driver at least a certain age may be valid; making conforming changes; and
8 generally relating to the period of validity for identification cards and drivers’
9 licenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 12–301(i) and 16–115(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 12–301.

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 (i) (1) Subject to paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, an identification
2 card issued to an applicant [under the age of 65] expires at the end of a period of not
3 more than [5] 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

4 (2) [Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, an identification card
5 issued to an applicant at least 65 years old expires at the end of a period of not more
6 than 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

7 (3)] (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the
8 Administration may not issue an identification card to the applicant for a period that
9 extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United
10 States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

11 (ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to
12 allow the issuance of an identification card for a period longer than the period
13 described in [paragraphs (1) and (2)] PARAGRAPH (1) of this subsection.

14 (iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the
15 machine-readable zone of a temporary identification card issued under this paragraph
16 that the card is a temporary identification card.

17 [(4)] (3) An identification card may be renewed on application and
18 payment of the fee required by this section.

19 16–115.

20 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
21 this title to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee
22 at the end of a period of not more than [5] 8 years determined in regulations adopted
23 by the Administration following the issuance of the license.

24 (2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under
25 this title to a driver under the age of 21 years shall expire not later than 60 days after
26 the driver's 21st birthday.

27 (3) A license is renewable on the presentation of an application, the
28 payment of the renewal fee required by § 16–111.1 of this subtitle, and satisfactory
29 completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (h) of this section:

30 (i) Within 6 months before its expiration; or

31 (ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under §
32 16–114.1(c) of this subtitle.

33 (4) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the
34 Administration may not renew an individual's license for more than one consecutive

1 term without requiring the individual to appear in person at an office of the
2 Administration.

3 (5) (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the
4 Administration may not issue to the applicant a license to drive for a period that
5 extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant’s authorized stay in the United
6 States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

7 (ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to
8 allow the issuance of a temporary license to drive for a period longer than the period
9 described in this subsection.

10 (iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the
11 machine-readable zone of a temporary license to drive that the license is a temporary
12 license to drive.

13 (6) A holder of a temporary license to drive who had temporary lawful
14 status at the time of the issuance of the temporary license to drive shall present
15 satisfactory documentary evidence of lawful status if the holder applies for issuance or
16 renewal of any license to drive under this subtitle.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.