

# HOUSE BILL 241

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – License and Registration Renewal – Denial**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting an applicant for renewal or transfer of a vehicle registration  
4 from the requirement that the application be denied if the applicant has unpaid taxes  
5 or unemployment insurance contributions if the applicant's income is below a certain  
6 percent of the federal poverty level, the applicant's principal tax liability is below a  
7 certain amount, or the applicant qualifies for a certain status under the Internal  
8 Revenue Manual; exempting an applicant for driver's license renewal from the  
9 requirement that the application be denied if the applicant has unpaid taxes or  
10 unemployment insurance contributions if the applicant's income is at or below a  
11 certain percent of the federal poverty level, the applicant's principal tax liability is  
12 below a certain amount, or the applicant qualifies for a certain status under the  
13 Internal Revenue Manual; and generally relating to denial of driver's license or  
14 registration renewal applications.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 13–406.2 and 16–115(k)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 13–406.2.

24 (a) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN APPLICANT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY**  
2 **LEVEL;**

3           **(2) WHOSE PRINCIPAL TAX LIABILITY IS BELOW \$10,000; OR**

4           **(3) WHO QUALIFIES FOR CURRENTLY NOT COLLECTIBLE STATUS**  
5 **UNDER PART 5, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 1 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE MANUAL.**

6           **(B)** The Administration may not renew or transfer the registration of any vehicle  
7 if the applicant has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance  
8 contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and  
9 Regulation or provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for  
10 collection.

11           **[(b)] (C)** The Administration shall cooperate with the Comptroller and the  
12 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop procedures and adopt  
13 regulations in accordance with this section.

14           **[(c)] (D)** Regulations adopted under this section shall require:

15           (1) The Comptroller to notify the Administration that an individual has not  
16 paid all undisputed taxes; and

17           (2) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to notify the  
18 Administration that an individual has not paid all undisputed unemployment insurance  
19 contributions.

20 16–115.

21           **(k) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN APPLICANT:**

22           **(i) WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL**  
23 **POVERTY LEVEL;**

24           **(ii) WHOSE PRINCIPAL TAX LIABILITY IS BELOW \$10,000; OR**

25           **(iii) WHO QUALIFIES FOR CURRENTLY NOT COLLECTIBLE**  
26 **STATUS UNDER PART 5, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 1 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE**  
27 **MANUAL.**

28           **(2)** The Administration may not renew the driver's license of an applicant  
29 who has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable  
30 to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or provided for  
31 payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection.

1            ~~[(2)] (3)~~        The Administration shall cooperate with the Comptroller and the  
2 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop procedures and adopt  
3 regulations in accordance with this section.

4            ~~[(3)] (4)~~        Regulations adopted under this subsection shall require:

5                            (i)        The Comptroller to notify the Administration that an individual  
6 has not paid all undisputed taxes; and

7                            (ii)       The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to notify  
8 the Administration that an individual has not paid all undisputed unemployment  
9 insurance contributions.

10            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2019.