

SENATE BILL 60

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Driver’s Licenses – Expiration and Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a corrected driver’s license expire at the
4 end of a certain time period; altering the period of time within which certain drivers
5 are required to have taken an authorized vision test to qualify for renewal of a
6 driver’s license; and generally relating to the expiration and renewal of driver’s
7 licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 16–114.1(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 16–114.1(d) and 16–115(i)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 16–114.1.

22 (c) If an individual other than one who holds a commercial driver’s license desires
23 a corrected photo license in lieu of a correction card for a desired or required correction, the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 individual shall:

2 (1) Apply for a corrected photo license on the form required by the
3 Administration;

4 (2) Surrender the individual's original license; and

5 (3) Pay the required fee.

6 (d) [(1) A corrected photo license issued under subsection (c) of this section to a
7 driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee in the fifth year
8 following the issuance of the license.

9 (2)] A corrected photo license issued under subsection (c) of this section to a
10 driver under age 21 years shall expire 60 days after the driver's 21st birthday.

11 16–115.

12 (i) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
13 Administration shall require every individual applying for renewal of a driver's license to
14 pass a vision test as prescribed by the Administration.

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

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

20 (3) An individual at least 21 years of age but under the age of 40 years may
21 apply for renewal of a driver's license electronically or by mail or other means authorized
22 by the Administration without taking a vision test if the applicant has passed a vision test
23 authorized by the Administration within the previous [6] 9 years.

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

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

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