

SENATE BILL 884

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Driver's Licenses – Out-of-State Residents – School Buses or**
3 **Passenger Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a Class B
5 commercial driver's license with a school bus or passenger vehicle endorsement to
6 certain nonresidents of the State; and generally relating to commercial driver's
7 licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 16–815(e)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 16–817

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 16–815.

22 (e) (1) In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c)
23 of this section, an operator must obtain State-issued endorsements of an operator's
24 commercial driver's license to operate commercial motor vehicles which are:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) Double/triple trailers;
- 2 (ii) Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including
3 the driver (passenger vehicles);
- 4 (iii) School buses; or
- 5 (iv) Tank vehicles.

6 (2) A school bus endorsement authorized under this subsection is also an
7 endorsement for vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver
8 (passenger vehicles).

9 16–817.

10 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) [and], (c), AND (D) of this section, the
11 Administration may not issue a commercial driver’s license or a commercial driver’s
12 instructional permit to any individual:

13 (1) Who is not a resident of Maryland; and

14 (2) Who is not at least 21 years of age.

15 (b) The Administration may issue a Class A, B, or C commercial driver’s license
16 or a commercial driver’s instructional permit to an individual under the age of 21, if the
17 individual is at least 18 years of age. The license:

18 (1) May not include a hazardous materials endorsement;

19 (2) May not be valid for commercial interstate operation except as
20 permitted by 49 C.F.R. Parts 390 to 399; and

21 (3) Shall be valid for commercial intrastate and all noncommercial
22 operation.

23 (c) Consistent with the Code of Federal Regulations, the Administration may
24 issue a commercial driver’s license to an applicant domiciled in a foreign country.

25 (D) **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A CLASS B COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S**
26 **LICENSE WITH ADDITIONAL STATE–ISSUED ENDORSEMENTS TO OPERATE SCHOOL**
27 **BUSES OR PASSENGER VEHICLES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

28 (1) **IS NOT A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND; AND**

1 **(2) HOLDS THE EQUIVALENT OF A CLASS B COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S**
2 **LICENSE, AND THE APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT ENDORSEMENTS, FROM THE**
3 **DRIVER'S LICENSING AUTHORITY OF A NEIGHBORING STATE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2025.