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By: **Senator Charles**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's Licenses – Driver Skills Examination – Motorcycle Safety Awareness**
3 **(D. Torch Road Safety Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include certain
5 questions related to motorcycle safety awareness on the driver skills examination
6 required for the issuance of a driver's license; and generally relating to driver skills
7 examinations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 16–110
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly honors the life and legacy of Donnell
15 “Torch” Floyd Jr.; now, therefore,

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

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 16–110.

2 (a) The Administration shall:

3 (1) Establish qualifications for the safe operation of the various classes,
4 types, sizes, or combinations of vehicles; and

5 (2) Examine each applicant to determine the applicant’s qualifications for
6 the license class applied for.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the Administration shall examine
8 each applicant for an original driver’s license or for a class of driver’s license higher than
9 that which the applicant currently holds.

10 (c) (1) The examination shall include:

11 [(1)] (I) A test of the applicant’s:

12 [(i)] 1. Vision;

13 [(ii)] 2. Ability to read and understand highway signs regulating,
14 warning, and directing traffic; and

15 [(iii)] 3. Knowledge of the traffic laws of this State and safe driving
16 practices;

17 [(2)] (II) A demonstration of the applicant’s ability to exercise reasonable
18 control in driving a motor vehicle; and

19 [(3)] (III) Any other additional physical or mental examination that the
20 Administration considers necessary to determine an applicant’s fitness to drive a motor
21 vehicle safely.

22 (2) (I) 1. THE POOL OF QUESTIONS FROM WHICH THE
23 EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DRAWS SHALL INCLUDE AT
24 LEAST FIVE QUESTIONS RELATED TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS.

25 2. AT LEAST ONE QUESTION RELATED TO MOTORCYCLE
26 SAFETY AWARENESS SHALL APPEAR ON THE EXAMINATION.

27 (II) THE QUESTIONS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL
28 ADDRESS:

29 1. VISIBILITY OF MOTORCYCLES;

- 1 **2. PROPER LANE POSITIONING AROUND MOTORCYCLES;**
2 **3. SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCES AROUND**
3 **MOTORCYCLES;**
4 **4. PREVENTING CRASHES WITH MOTORCYCLES; AND**
5 **5. ANY OTHER TOPIC RELATED TO MOTORCYCLE**
6 **SAFETY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DEEMS RELEVANT.**

7 (d) If an applicant is qualified to take the required examinations for the license
8 applied for, the applicant shall appear in person for examination at any one of the places
9 in this State that the Administration has designated for this purpose.

10 (e) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, for a required
11 driver skills examination or driver road examination, each applicant shall provide a motor
12 vehicle of a type appropriate to test the applicant's ability to drive all vehicles that may be
13 driven under the license class applied for.

14 (ii) An applicant may not use an auticycle to test the applicant's
15 ability to drive under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

16 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, when
17 the holder of a learner's instructional permit appears for the driving test, the permit holder
18 shall be accompanied by an individual qualified under § 16-105 of this subtitle to
19 accompany the holder of a learner's permit while driving on a highway. That individual
20 shall have his driver's license with him.

21 (3) The holder of a Class M (motorcycle) learner's instructional permit may:

22 (i) Transport a motorcycle to the driving test by truck or other
23 vehicle unaccompanied by another individual, if the permit holder is licensed to drive the
24 truck or other vehicle; or

25 (ii) Be accompanied by a person transporting a motorcycle to the test
26 by truck or other vehicle, if that person is licensed to drive the truck or other vehicle.

27 (4) The holder of a learner's instructional permit may be driven to the
28 examination station and to the starting point where the examiner begins the test by any
29 individual authorized to drive the class of vehicle in which the test is being given. That
30 individual shall have a valid driver's license in the individual's possession.

31 (f) If the applicant does not pass the examination for the license class applied for,
32 the Administration may issue the applicant any license of a lower class for which the
33 applicant qualifies.

1 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, the Administration may
2 waive any driver's license examination provided for under this title if the applicant:

3 (1) Holds a valid driver's license issued under this subtitle;

4 (2) Is applying for a Class M license and has successfully completed the
5 Administration approved basic motorcycle safety course; or

6 (3) Holds a valid license from:

7 (i) Another state;

8 (ii) A territory or possession of the United States, the District of
9 Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or

10 (iii) A province or territory of Canada.

11 (h) The Administration may not waive a vision examination required under this
12 section unless the applicant:

13 (1) Is applying for a corrected driver's license under § 16-114.1 of this
14 subtitle; and

15 (2) Has passed a vision examination acceptable to the Administration
16 within the last 12 months.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.