

# MARYLAND RETAILERS ASSOCIATION

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**SB422 – Education – Jobs That Require Driving – Requirements (Drivers  
Education for Good Jobs Act of 2022)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
February 9, 2022**

**Position:** Favorable

**Background:** SB422 would provide additional educational pathways for students to prepare for a career as a driver.

**Comments:** The Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) strongly supports the proposal in SB422 to provide additional educational pathways for students.

MRA understands that a traditional college education is not the goal for all students, and we believe that it is highly important to invest in education options for trades and other nontraditional pathways. SB422 will provide more job opportunities for Marylanders entering the workforce and will result in safer road conditions by setting a baseline for training for these licensed positions. Additionally, our economy is still being impacted by labor shortages and global shipping delays, and trained drivers are a necessity. Providing students in Maryland with additional educational opportunities involving transportation will have a positive impact on our communities, education systems, and all business industries.

With this in mind, we would urge a favorable report on the Drivers Education for Good Jobs Act of 2022. Thank you for your consideration.