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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Drivers of Motor Homes – Driver Licensing Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from certain driver licensing requirements an
4 individual who is driving a certain motor home if the individual holds a valid
5 Class C driver's license; making stylistic changes; requiring the Motor Vehicle
6 Administration to study certain issues relating to driver licensing for the
7 operation of motor homes; requiring the Administration to report to the General
8 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain
9 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to an exemption from certain
10 driver licensing requirements for certain individuals.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 11–134.3
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 16–102(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Transportation**

2 11–134.3.

3 “Motor home” means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily
4 to provide living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

5 16–102.

6 (a) The licensing requirements of this title do not apply to:

7 (1) An officer or employee of the United States while driving on official
8 business a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle owned or operated by
9 the United States;10 (2) Except for members elected from this State, a member of the
11 United States Congress who resides in this State during [his] **THE MEMBER’S** term of
12 office in the Congress;13 (3) An individual while driving any road machine, farm tractor, or
14 farm equipment temporarily driven on a highway in this State, or dock equipment at
15 Dundalk or Locust Point marine terminals which does not require registration under
16 the provisions of this article;17 (4) An individual who, while driving a mobile crane on a highway to or
18 from a construction site in this State, [has with him] **HOLDS** a valid Class A, B, or C
19 license issued to [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** under § 16–104.1 of this subtitle or a Class A
20 or B commercial driver’s license issued to [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** under this title;21 (5) A nonresident student enrolled in an accredited school, college, or
22 university of this State or of a bordering state or serving a medical internship in this
23 State, if:24 (i) The state of which the student is a resident extends the
25 same privileges to the residents of this State;26 (ii) The student [has with him] **HOLDS** a license to drive issued
27 to [him] **THE STUDENT** by the state of which [he] **THE STUDENT** is a resident; and

1 (iii) The license authorizes the student to drive in the state of
2 which [he] **THE STUDENT** is a resident vehicles of the class [he] **THE STUDENT** is
3 driving in this State;

4 (6) A new resident of this State during the first 60 days of residency,
5 if:

6 (i) The individual has a valid license issued by the state of
7 which the individual formerly was a resident;

8 (ii) The license authorizes the individual to drive in the state of
9 former residence vehicles of the class the individual is driving in this State; and

10 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required for a
11 resident to drive a vehicle of the same class the individual is driving in this State;

12 (7) A member of the armed forces of the United States or of the United
13 States Public Health Service who is serving on active duty and any dependent of the
14 member, if:

15 (i) The driver [has with him] **HOLDS** a license to drive issued
16 to [him] **THE DRIVER** by [his] **THE DRIVER'S** state of domicile; and

17 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive in [his] **THE**
18 **DRIVER'S** state of domicile vehicles of the class [he is driving] **BEING DRIVEN** in this
19 State;

20 (8) For not more than 30 days after [he] **THE MEMBER** returns to the
21 United States, a member of the armed forces of the United States who is returning
22 from active duty outside the United States and any dependent of the member who is
23 returning from residence with the member outside the United States; if:

24 (i) The driver [has with him] **HOLDS** a license to drive issued
25 to [him] **THE DRIVER** by the armed forces of the United States in a place outside the
26 United States; and

27 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive vehicles of the
28 class [he is driving] **BEING DRIVEN** in this State;

29 (9) A nonresident of this State if:

1 (i) [He has with him] **THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS** a license to
2 drive issued to [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** by the state of [his] residence;

3 (ii) [His] **THE INDIVIDUAL'S** license authorizes [him] **THE**
4 **INDIVIDUAL** to drive in that state vehicles of the class [he is driving] **BEING DRIVEN**
5 in this State; and

6 (iii) [He] **THE INDIVIDUAL** is at least the same age as that
7 required of a resident for the vehicle [he] **THE INDIVIDUAL** is driving in this State;

8 (10) A nonresident of the United States if:

9 (i) The individual has a valid license to drive issued to the
10 individual by the country of residence;

11 (ii) The individual's license authorizes [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL**
12 to drive in that country vehicles of the class [he is driving] **BEING DRIVEN** in this
13 State;

14 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required of a
15 resident for the vehicle [he] **THE INDIVIDUAL** is driving in this State; and

16 (iv) Except as provided for in Subtitle 8 of this title, the vehicle
17 is not a commercial motor vehicle;

18 (11) A member of the Maryland National Guard or a National Guard
19 military technician if:

20 (i) The driver is driving a military vehicle in the performance of
21 duty; and

22 (ii) The driver [has with him] **HOLDS** an operator's
23 identification card issued by the Maryland National Guard for the type of military
24 vehicle being driven; [and]

25 (12) A member or employee of a fire department, rescue squad,
26 emergency medical services unit, or volunteer fire company while driving an
27 emergency vehicle if the driver:

28 (i) Holds a valid Class C license issued to the driver under §
29 16-104.1 of this subtitle;

1 (ii) Has been authorized by the political subdivision that
2 operates a fire department, rescue squad, emergency medical services unit, or
3 volunteer fire department to operate the type of emergency vehicle being driven; and

4 (iii) Is driving the emergency vehicle in the performance of the
5 official duties of the driver in or out of this State; AND

6 (13) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR HOME AS
7 DEFINED UNDER § 11-134.3 OF THIS ARTICLE, HOLDS A VALID CLASS C
8 LICENSE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER § 16-104.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

10 (a) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall study issues relating to the
11 licensing of drivers of motor homes, including:

12 (1) training;

13 (2) testing;

14 (3) requiring an endorsement for motor homes on a noncommercial
15 Class C driver's license;

16 (4) the feasibility of grandfathering licensees who currently drive
17 motor homes; and

18 (5) any other issues identified by the Administration.

19 (b) On or before December 31, 2007, the Administration shall report its
20 findings to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
21 Government Article.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2007. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and,
24 at the end of December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General
25 Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.