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By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

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## A BILL ENTITLED

**Applications and Renewals** 

2	Driver's Licenses,	Learner's	Instructional	Permits,	and Identifica	tion Cards

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of 5 time that an identification card remains effective by a certain amount under certain 6 circumstances; altering the documentation that certain applicants for a learner's 7 instructional permit are required to present to the Administration; altering the time 8 period before expiration within which a driver's license is renewable; altering the 9 standards for determining whether an individual is required to appear in person to renew the individual's driver's license; altering the time period within which a 10 11 certain visual test is required to take place before application for driver's license 12 renewal; and generally relating to applications and renewals for driver's licenses, 13 learner's instructional permits, and identification cards.

- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 15 Article Transportation

AN ACT concerning

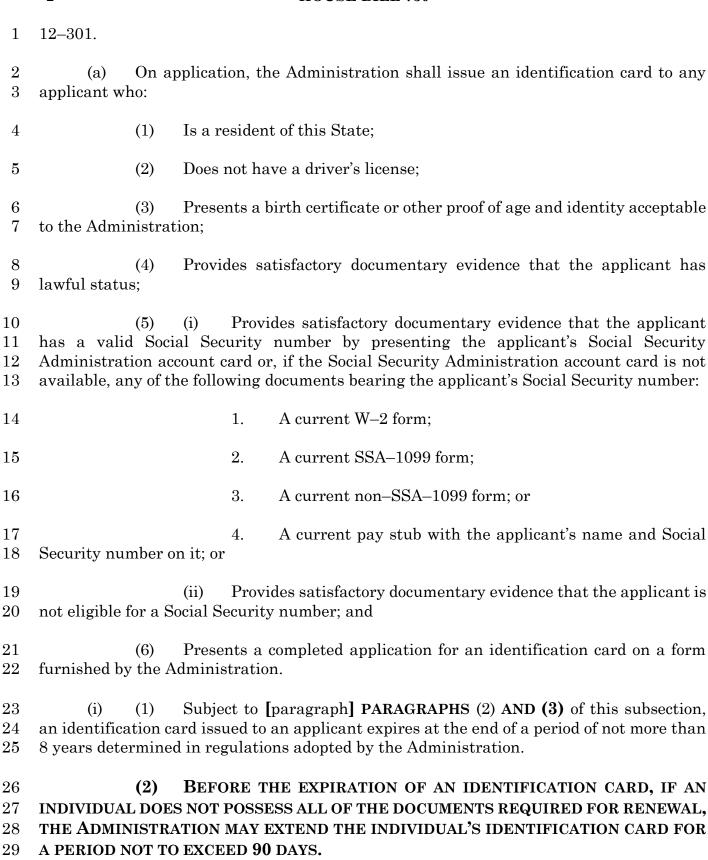
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- 16 Section 12–301(a) and 16–115(a)(1) and (2) and (i)(1)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2020 Replacement Volume)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 20 Article Transportation
- 21 Section 12–301(i), 16–105(a), and 16–115(a)(3) and (4) and (i)(2)
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2020 Replacement Volume)
- 24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Transportation



**[(2)] (3)** (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the 31 Administration may not issue an identification card to the applicant for a period that

- extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.
- 3 (ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to allow 4 the issuance of an identification card for a period longer than the period described in 5 paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- 6 (iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the 7 machine—readable zone of a temporary identification card issued under this paragraph that 8 the card is a temporary identification card.
- 9 [(3)] (4) An identification card may be renewed on application and 10 payment of the fee required by this section.
- 11 16–105.
- 12 (a) (1) Any individual who desires to obtain an original driver's license under 13 this subtitle or to be licensed in a class for which the individual is not already licensed 14 under this subtitle shall apply to the Administration for the desired driver's license.
- 15 (2) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, before issuing a 16 driver's license, the Administration shall issue to each applicant a learner's instructional 17 permit. The learner's instructional permit shall identify clearly the class of license for which 18 the applicant has applied.
- 19 (3) (i) Each applicant for a learner's instructional permit who is under 20 the age of 16 years shall present to the Administration a [certified] copy of the applicant's school attendance record.
- 22 (ii) The Administration may not issue a learner's instructional 23 permit to an applicant under the age of 16 years if the applicant's school attendance record 24 indicates more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.
- 25 16–115.
- 26 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under this 27 title to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee at the end 28 of a period of not more than 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the 29 Administration following the issuance of the license.
- 30 (2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under this 31 title to a driver under the age of 21 years shall expire not later than 60 days after the 32 driver's 21st birthday.
- 33 (3) A license is renewable on the presentation of an application, the 34 payment of the renewal fee required by Section 16.111.1 of this subtitle, and satisfactory 35 completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (i) of this section:

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(ii)

within [12 months] 2 YEARS of the date of application for renewal.

1	(i) Within [6] 12 months before its expiration; or					
2	(ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under Section 16–114.1(c) of this subtitle.					
4	(4) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the Administration					
5	may [not] renew an individual's license [for more than one consecutive term] without					
6	requiring the individual to appear in person [at an office of the Administration] IF THE					
7	PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WAS TAKEN LESS THAN 16 YEARS BEFORE THE					
8	RENEWAL.					
9	(i) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the					
10	Administration shall require every individual applying for a renewal of a driver's license to					
11	pass a vision test as prescribed by the Administration.					
10	(9) (i) The Administration shall assent a continuous of assentable					
12	(2) (i) The Administration shall accept a certification of acceptable					
13 14	visual acuity from a licensed physician or optometrist instead of requiring the actual test provided for in this subsection.					
14	provided for in this subsection.					

The examination for which certification is made shall take place

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July