

HOUSE BILL 1183

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By: **Delegate Fisher**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Drivers’ Schools and Driver Education Programs – Age of**
3 **Instruction Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a vehicle that is older than a certain number of model years
5 from being used for instruction in a drivers’ school or a driver education program;
6 and generally relating to drivers’ schools and driver education programs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 15–701 and 16–501(a) and (d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 15–708 and 16–505
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 15–701.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) (1) “Drivers’ school” means, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this
23 subsection, any person in the business of giving instruction in the driving of motor vehicles.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “Drivers’ school” does not include:

2 (i) Any public school or other noncollegiate educational institution
3 giving instruction in the driving of motor vehicles during its normal school hours and not
4 charging a fee for this instruction; or

5 (ii) Any college, university, or other institution of postsecondary
6 education approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

7 (c) “License” means a drivers’ school license issued by the Administration under
8 this subtitle.

9 15–708.

10 (A) Each licensee shall maintain all vehicles used for instruction in the condition
11 that the Administration requires.

12 (B) **A VEHICLE THAT IS OLDER THAN 10 MODEL YEARS MAY NOT BE USED**
13 **FOR INSTRUCTION IN A DRIVERS’ SCHOOL.**

14 16–501.

15 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (d) “Driver education program” means the courses and learning activities
17 designated by the Administration in consultation with the State Department of Education
18 that an individual may be required to complete before obtaining a noncommercial driver’s
19 license under this title.

20 16–505.

21 (a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of
22 Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement
23 a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools under its
24 jurisdiction.

25 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
26 Administration and shall include:

27 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom,
28 laboratory, and on–road instruction phases;

29 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver
30 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the
31 Administration, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours
32 of highway driving instruction;

- 1 (3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;
- 2 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;
- 3 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
4 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; [and]
- 5 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program; **AND**
- 6 **(7) A REQUIREMENT THAT A VEHICLE USED FOR INSTRUCTION IN A**
7 **DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY NOT BE OLDER THAN 10 MODEL YEARS.**

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