

Driver Licensing and Control

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Division of Driver Improvement and Records

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This Division's activities include the suspension, revocation, and restriction of driving privileges of those individuals not responsive to rehabilitation or who have committed extremely serious violations.

The Central License File and the Case History Files are also located within this Division. The Division has responsibility for the security of all case history files and all licenses on file at the Motor Vehicle Administration.

Division of Driver Review and Rehabilitation

Leonard W. Kestler, Director

The Division of Driver Review and Rehabilitation consists of two sections, the Driver Rehabilitation Clinic and the Review and Reinstatement Section.

The Driver Rehabilitation Clinic was established in 1962 to improve the attitude of problem drivers. It consists of eight one-hour sessions held at Glen Burnie and at Motor Vehicle Administration Regional Offices throughout the State.

The License Review Program was established to assist further in the rehabilitation of unsafe drivers and in the identification of individuals with bad driving attitudes. Under this program, license reviewers hold hearings for errant drivers. Based on these hearings, license reviewers submit their recommendations as to what action should be taken on an individual's driving privileges.

The Division is also responsible for the administration of the Medical Advisory Board. This Board consists of twenty-five physicians appointed by the Motor Vehicle Administrator to advise him on the medical aspects of driver licensing. In cases where an individual's physical or mental condition may affect his driving ability, the Motor Vehicle Administrator relies on the Board for professional guidance.

Division of Driver Examination and Licensing

Major John Satterfield, Director

The Division of Driver Examination and Licensing is responsible for conducting examinations of all new drivers, and renewing motor vehicle operators licenses.

Examinations include testing of the applicant's visual acuity, knowledge of motor vehicle laws, and the ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

Maryland licenses are now classified according to the type of vehicle the driver will operate and are designated A, B, C, D, and E. Any class license will authorize the licensee to operate vehicles in that particular class, or any lower class, except E, providing the licensee meets the age requirements of the several classes. The five classes are as follows:

Class A—Required to operate tractor-trailers; Class B—Required to operate trucks over 20,000 pounds gross weight; Class C—Required to operate buses; Class D—Required to operate automobiles, station wagons, and trucks up to 20,000 pounds gross weight; and Class E—Required to operate motorcycles.