

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

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CHAPTER 712  
(House Bill 742)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 6-205.1(a), 6-205.1(C), 6-205.2(b) and 6-208 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 6. Drivers' Licenses," subheading "Part II. Cancellation, Refusal, Suspension or Revocation, of Licenses," to provide that a copy of the form signed by every license applicant relating to submission to chemical tests for alcoholic content shall be furnished to a defendant at the time of his detention by a police officer, and to decrease the period of suspension of license for a person convicted of certain offenses involving alcohol, and to decrease the maximum period of revocation of a license which the Department may impose, and to provide that a person may apply for a new license after the expiration of ~~thirty (30)~~ SIXTY days from the date of revocation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 6-205.1(a), 6-205.1(C), 6-205.2(b) and 6-208 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 6. Drivers' Licenses," subheading "Part II. Cancellation, Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Licenses," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6-205.1.

(a) Prior to the issuance of any license or renewal thereof to exercise the privilege of operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of this State, the applicant, as a condition precedent to the issuance or renewal of said license, shall be required by the Department to sign a statement, under oath or affirmation, containing the following language:

"I hereby consent to take a chemical test to determine the alcoholic content of my blood, breath, or urine, as provided in the laws of the State of Maryland, should I be detained upon suspicion of operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or while my ability is impaired by consumption of alcohol, I understand that I cannot be compelled to take a chemical test for alcohol but I consent, in return for the privilege of operating a motor vehicle on the highways of Maryland, that the Department of Motor Vehicles may suspend my license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle, for a period not to exceed 60 days, upon receipt of a sworn statement from the detaining officer and, after a hearing on said statement, that I was so charged and refused to take a chemical test for alcohol." The Department shall not issue or renew any license where the applicant refuses to sign an application containing the express consent to take the chemical