

later than seven (7) days prior to any election. Upon receipt of the application the board shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law for absentee voting.

(a-1) Within seven (7) days of an election and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply for an emergency absentee ballot if, **HE IS NOTIFIED AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT**, as a condition of his employment, he is required to be absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote on the day of an election, or **IF HE** is unable to be physically present at the polls as a result of illness or accident occurring after the time of making application for an absentee ballot. The application shall be made under penalty of perjury but without formal oath, setting forth the reason why the voter is unable to be present at the polls on the day of the election and shall be accompanied by a statement under oath by the voter's employer stating that the voter will be unable to vote on election day because of absence caused by his employment, or a certificate from a duly licensed physician stating that the voter, because of illness or injury, is confined to the hospital or bed and will be unable to vote in person at the polls, whichever is applicable. Upon receipt of the application, the board, if satisfied that the person cannot, in fact, be present at the polling place on the day of the election, shall issue to the applicant, or his duly authorized agent, an absentee ballot which shall be marked by the voter, placed in a sealed envelope, and returned to the board. If the applicant does not apply in person, the application shall designate a voter registered in the same county or Baltimore City as agent for the purpose of delivering the absentee ballot to the voter, and the agent shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was delivered to the voter who submitted the application, was marked by the voter in the agent's presence, was placed in a sealed envelope in the agent's presence, and returned, under seal, to the board by the agent. Any emergency absentee ballot received by the board after the time for closing of the polls shall not be counted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 422

(Senate Bill 651)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5-303(b) of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 5. Licensing of Dealers, Wreckers, Scrap Processors, Vehicle Salesmen," subheading "Part III. Vehicle Salesmen, Manufacturers, Distributors and Factory Branches," to provide that the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain conditions may refuse to grant any person a vehicle salesman license, or suspend, revoke, or refuse to continue the license of any person having such a license.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 5-303(b) of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 5.