

Optomtry define disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness or which result in a corrected visual acuity which fails to comply with the requirements of § 6-110.1 of this Article.

(b) All physicians and other persons authorized to diagnose, detect, or treat disorders and disabilities defined by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [shall] MAY report to the medical advisory board of the [Department of Motor Vehicles] MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION and to the person who is the subject of each report, in writing, the full name, date of birth and address of every person over 15 years of age having any such specified disorder or disability [within 10 days of diagnosis]. HOWEVER, NO REPORT SHALL BE MADE FROM INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF ANY PERSON UPON WHOM A CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN CONFERRED BY LAW, UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE PERSON IN WRITING.

(c) The Administration upon receipt of such information and as soon as practicable shall arrange for an examination of each such person who holds a driver's license, and if the person examined fails to meet the requirements of Subtitle 6 the Administration shall cancel any driver's license held by such person.

(d) The reports required by this section shall be confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining the qualifications of any person to drive a motor vehicle on the highways of this State. No civil or criminal action may be brought against any person or agency who provides the information required herein[.], AND WHO DOES NOT VIOLATE ANY CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIP CONFERRED BY LAW.

(e) No report forwarded under the provisions of this section shall be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial[.], EXCEPT IN LEGAL ACTIONS INVOLVING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIPS CONFERRED BY LAW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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