

12-206.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, A HEARING HELD UNDER THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT - CONTESTED CASES).

12-207.

(a) [(1)] Each hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of evidence in §§ 10-208 and 10-209 of the State Government Article.

(2) The Administration may take judicial notice of technical and scientific facts within its specialized knowledge and of generally known facts. Either before or during the hearing, the Administration shall notify the parties of the facts noticed and shall give the parties an opportunity to contest these facts. The Administration may use its experience, technical competency, and specialized knowledge in weighing evidence presented at a hearing.

(b) (1)] Any party to a hearing may request that the testimony presented at the hearing be transcribed.

[(2)](B) The party requesting the transcription shall pay for its cost. However, if an appeal is taken under § 12-209 of this subtitle, the party need not pay the cost of the transcription if the court finds that the party is indigent.

12-208.

(a) After a hearing, the Administration may:

(1) Refuse, suspend, or revoke the license or privilege of an applicant or licensee;

(2) Rescind, continue, or modify any prior action; or

(3) Take any other action permitted by the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(b) If a decision or order of the Administration is adverse to any party to the hearing, the decision or order:

(1) Shall be made in [writing on the record and accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law] ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-221 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; and

(2) Unless service is waived by the party, shall be served [at once, by personal delivery or mail,] on the party or [his] THE PARTY'S attorney.

(C) SUBJECT TO § 10-209(B) AND (C) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, IF A PARTY FAILS TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING SCHEDULED UNDER THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

(1) FOR A HEARING SCHEDULED UNDER § 12-203 OF THIS ARTICLE, IMPOSE THE SANCTION PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE; OR