

CHAPTER 108**(Senate Bill 132)**

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Licensing of Bioptic Telescopic Lens Users –~~Repeal of Termination~~

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that provide for the eligibility of a user of bioptic telescopic lenses to be licensed to drive in the State; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the eligibility of bioptic telescopic lens users for drivers' licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16-110.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 483 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

16-110.2.

(a) In this section, "bioptic telescopic lens" means a spectacle mounted telescopic/telescopic telescope placed at the top of a corrective vision lens and designed to increase visual acuity and aid in spotting distant objects at a glance.

(b) Notwithstanding any other requirements under this subtitle, an applicant using bioptic telescopic lenses shall be eligible for a noncommercial Class C driver's license under this subtitle if the applicant:

(1) (i) Demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/100 in one or both eyes and a field of 150 degrees horizontal vision with or without corrective lenses; or

(ii) If the applicant has vision in one eye only, demonstrates a field of at least 100 degrees horizontal vision;

(2) Demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/70 in one or both eyes with the bioptic telescopic lenses and without the use of field expanders;

(3) Submits a report of examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist for evaluation by the Medical Advisory Board under § 16-118 of this subtitle; and

(4) Meets all the other requirements for licensure under this title.