

bioptic telescopic lens program to those not licensed under that program as of a specified date; eliminating the termination provision for the bioptic telescopic lens program; establishing a limited vision license for individuals with certain eyesight; specifying requirements and restrictions pertaining to the limited vision license; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refer certain matters to its Medical Advisory Board; granting certain individuals a right to appear before the Board under certain circumstances; providing that an appearance before the Board is not a matter subject to contested case procedures; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to vision requirements for obtaining a driver's license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article - Transportation  
 Section 16-110.1 and 16-110.2  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to  
 Article - Transportation  
 Section 16-110.3  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Chapter 483 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991, as amended by Chapter  
 108 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996  
 Section 2

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and its Medical Advisory Board (MAB), after a comprehensive review of Maryland's current vision standards for drivers' licenses, have determined that changes are necessary to modernize current standards and eliminate inconsistencies in current law; and

WHEREAS, The MVA and its MAB have concluded that there is a significant population with vision problems that could drive safely under specified restrictions, but that population is ill-served by Maryland's current standards; and

WHEREAS, The State has a responsibility to assist this growing population in maintaining the independence that the automobile allows in a manner that does not jeopardize their safety or the safety of others on the highways; and

WHEREAS, The MVA has appointed a Workgroup for Modified Vision Standards consisting of medical professionals, MVA staff, and citizens with an interest in