

driver vision standards to study this issue, and the Workgroup has issued recommendations for revised standards which are set forth in this Act to better meet this population's needs; and

WHEREAS, The success of the standards set forth in this Act, depends, in part, on continued study by the MVA of drivers' experience over a reasonable period of time; and

WHEREAS, This Act, a joint work product of the MVA, the MAB, and the Workgroup for Modified Vision Standards, is intended to accomplish these goals; now, therefore,

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

Article - Transportation

16-110.1.

(a) For an unrestricted license, each applicant is required to have:

(1) SIMULTANEOUSLY:

(I) A minimum visual acuity of 20/40 in each eye; AND

[(2)](II) A CONTINUOUS field of vision of at least 140 degrees; and

[(3)](2) Binocular vision.

(b) If the applicant's vision can be corrected by glasses or contact lenses to meet the standards of this section, the Administration may issue the applicant a restricted license, endorsed ["holder shall wear eye glasses or contact lenses when driving"] "CORRECTIVE LENSES".

[(c) If the applicant has less than 20/40 vision in each eye but has at least 20/70 in one eye and at least 20/140 in the other, the Administration may issue the applicant a restricted license, endorsed "daylight driving only".

(d) (1) If the applicant is totally blind in one eye and has at least 20/40 in the other eye, the Administration may issue the applicant a restricted license, endorsed "any motor vehicle which the holder drives shall have a properly placed rear view mirror and, on each side of the vehicle, an outside, side view mirror".

(2) If the applicant is totally blind in one eye and has less than 20/40 but at least 20/70 in the other eye, the Administration may issue the applicant a restricted license, endorsed both as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and "daylight driving only".

(3) A license may not be issued to any applicant described in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subsection unless the vision in his seeing eye has been maintained at at least the level required by this subsection for at least 90 days before the date of application.]

(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A RESTRICTED LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY: