

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 289.

This bill would prohibit the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) from issuing a driver's license to a first time licensee who is at least 18 years old unless the individual successfully completes a 3-hour alcohol and drug education course. It would require the MVA and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to establish the course, and require MVA to set and collect a fee that covers costs of the course.

House Bill 926, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1992, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 289.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 289

AN ACT concerning

Drivers' Licenses – Alcohol and Drug Education Course

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration on or after a certain date from issuing a driver's license to a certain individual of a certain age unless the individual successfully completes an alcohol and drug education course established by the Administration; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration in cooperation with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to establish an alcohol and drug education course; establishing the requirements for the course; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish and collect a certain fee to recover the costs of the course; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to driver's license requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16-103.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16-212.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)