

HOUSE BILL 1039

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Driver Education Program Curriculum – Police Traffic Stop**
3 **Procedures and Basic Vehicle Maintenance**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations
5 requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include at
6 least a certain number of hours of instruction on what to do when stopped by a police
7 officer and at least a certain number of hours of instruction on basic vehicle safety
8 and maintenance; and generally relating to the driver education program
9 curriculum.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 16–505
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 16–505.

19 (a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of
20 Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement
21 a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools under its
22 jurisdiction.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
2 Administration and shall include:

3 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom,
4 laboratory, and on-road instruction phases;

5 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver
6 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the
7 Administration, consisting of at least:

8 (I) 30 hours of classroom instruction, **INCLUDING AT LEAST:**

9 1. 1 HOUR OF INSTRUCTION ON WHAT TO DO WHEN
10 STOPPED BY A POLICE OFFICER; AND

11 2. 1 HOUR OF INSTRUCTION ON BASIC VEHICLE SAFETY
12 AND MAINTENANCE; and

13 (II) [at least] 6 hours of highway driving instruction;

14 (3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;

15 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;

16 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
17 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

18 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2016.