

HOUSE BILL 1281

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By: **Delegate Adams**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Driver’s License Fees – Veterans and Spouses**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a fee for
4 the issuance of a driver’s license for an applicant who presents a certification of
5 veteran status or other documentation acceptable to the Administration certifying
6 veteran status, or documentation acceptable to the Administration certifying status
7 as an active or former member of the Maryland National Guard or as the surviving
8 spouse of a veteran; and generally relating to driver’s license fees for veterans and
9 spouses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 16–111.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 16–111.2.

19 (a) (1) When an applicant applies for an initial driver’s license or for a class of
20 driver’s license other than that which the applicant currently holds, the applicant shall pay
21 the Administration a license fee established by the Administration. This fee covers issuance
22 of a learner’s instructional permit and, if the applicant qualifies before the learner’s
23 instructional permit expires, issuance of a driver’s license or provisional license.

24 (2) If a learner’s instructional permit is not required, the applicant shall
25 pay the Administration, when the driver’s license is issued, a license fee established by the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Administration.

2 (3) If an appointment to take a driver's license examination made by the
3 applicant is not kept, the Administration may charge the applicant a missed appointment
4 fee established by the Administration.

5 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for the renewal
6 of a noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E, or M driver's license, a licensee shall pay the
7 Administration a renewal fee established by the Administration.

8 (2) The Administration may not charge a licensee who is a recipient of the
9 Medal of Honor a fee for the renewal of the licensee's noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E,
10 or M driver's license.

11 (c) For issuance of a duplicate or corrected noncommercial Class A, B, C, D, E, or
12 M driver's license, a licensee shall pay the Administration a duplicate or corrected driver's
13 license fee established by the Administration.

14 (d) For conversion of a provisional license to a driver's license issued under §
15 16–111.1 of this subtitle, a licensee shall pay the Administration a fee established by the
16 Administration.

17 (e) A licensee shall pay a fee established by the Administration if the license is
18 issued or renewed under § 16–104.1 of this subtitle.

19 (f) (1) Whenever an applicant or licensee pays a fee required under subsection
20 (a)(1) or (2) or (b) of this section, the Administration shall offer the individual the option to
21 make a voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund
22 established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Health – General Article.

23 (2) All moneys collected under this subsection shall be paid to the
24 Comptroller of the State and deposited into the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness
25 Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Health – General Article.

26 **(G) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF**
27 **A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO PRESENTS:**

28 **(1) A CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM THE**
29 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–905 OF THE STATE**
30 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, A DD FORM 214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION**
31 **ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS; OR**

32 **(2) DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION**
33 **CERTIFYING STATUS AS:**

1 **(I) AN ACTIVE OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND**
2 **NATIONAL GUARD; OR**

3 **(II) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERAN.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2020.