

SENATE BILL 249

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By: **Senator Kramer**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Driver Education Program – Cannabis or**
3 **Alcohol**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include in the
5 curriculum for a standardized driver education program information on the laws
6 relating to and the risks of driving while under the influence of cannabis or alcohol;
7 and generally relating to the driver education program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 16–505
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 16–505.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours
8 of highway driving instruction;

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

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

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

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

14 **(C) THE CURRICULUM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**
15 **SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE LAWS RELATING TO AND THE RISKS OF**
16 **DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS OR ALCOHOL.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.