

Chapter 175

(Senate Bill 111)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Identification Cards and Drivers' Licenses – Period of Validity

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum period of time during which an identification card issued to an applicant under a certain age may be valid; increasing the maximum period of time during which a driver's license issued to a driver at least a certain age may be valid; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the period of validity for identification cards and drivers' licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 12–301(i) and 16–115(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

12–301.

(i) (1) Subject to paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, an identification card issued to an applicant [under the age of 65] expires at the end of a period of not more than [5] 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(2) [Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, an identification card issued to an applicant at least 65 years old expires at the end of a period of not more than 8 years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(3)] (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the Administration may not issue an identification card to the applicant for a period that extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

(ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to allow the issuance of an identification card for a period longer than the period described in [paragraphs (1) and (2)] PARAGRAPH (1) of this subsection.

(iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the machine-readable zone of a temporary identification card issued under this paragraph that the card is a temporary identification card.

[(4)] (3) An identification card may be renewed on application and payment of the fee required by this section.

16-115.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under this title to a driver at least 21 years old shall expire on the birth date of the licensee at the end of a period of not more than **[5] 8** years determined in regulations adopted by the Administration following the issuance of the license.

(2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a license issued under this title to a driver under the age of 21 years shall expire not later than 60 days after the driver's 21st birthday.

(3) A license is renewable on the presentation of an application, the payment of the renewal fee required by § 16-111.1 of this subtitle, and satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (h) of this section:

(i) Within 6 months before its expiration; or

(ii) When a driver qualifies for a corrected license issued under § 16-114.1(c) of this subtitle.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the Administration may not renew an individual's license for more than one consecutive term without requiring the individual to appear in person at an office of the Administration.

(5) (i) If an applicant has temporary lawful status, the Administration may not issue to the applicant a license to drive for a period that extends beyond the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no expiration date, for a period longer than 1 year.

(ii) Nothing contained in this paragraph may be construed to allow the issuance of a temporary license to drive for a period longer than the period described in this subsection.

(iii) The Administration shall indicate on the face and in the machine-readable zone of a temporary license to drive that the license is a temporary license to drive.

(6) A holder of a temporary license to drive who had temporary lawful status at the time of the issuance of the temporary license to drive shall present satisfactory documentary evidence of lawful status if the holder applies for issuance or renewal of any license to drive under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.