

(House Bill 736)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Minors' Driver Licenses

FOR the purpose of removing the requirement that a certain person who cosigns a minor's driver license application may be liable for the negligence of that minor; and deleting a certain titling requirement; and relating generally to minors' driver licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation  
Section 16-107 and 16-108  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1977 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

16-107.

[ (a) ] (1) The application of a minor for a license shall be cosigned by:

(i) A parent or guardian of the applicant;

(ii) If the applicant has no parent or guardian or is married, by an adult employer of the applicant or any other responsible adult [willing to assume the liability imposed by this section on the cosigner of an application of a minor].

[ (2) ] The administration shall include on the application a clear statement of the liability assumed under this section by the individual cosigning it.

[ (3) ] (2) The individual cosigning the application of a minor shall certify that the statements made in the application are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

[ (b) ] Except as provided in this section and §16-108 of this subtitle, the negligence of a minor while driving a motor vehicle on a highway in this State is imputed to the individual who has cosigned the license application of the minor, and that individual is liable jointly and severally with the minor for any damages caused by the negligence.

(c) While the minor maintains proof of financial security in the form and amounts required by Title 17 of