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Senate Bill 68

(Senator Charles)

Judicial Proceedings

Environment and Transportation

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Driver's Licenses – Driver Skills Examination – Motorcycle Safety Awareness (D.  
Torch Road Safety Act)

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This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to include at least one question related to motorcycle safety awareness on the driver skills examination required for the issuance of a driver's license. The pool of questions from which the examination draws must include at least five questions related to motorcycle safety awareness. The questions must address the following items: (1) visibility of motorcycles; (2) proper lane positioning around motorcycles; (3) safe following distances around motorcycles; (4) preventing crashes with motorcycles; and (5) any other topic related to motorcycle safety that MVA deems relevant.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** MVA can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An individual may not attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in the State unless the person holds a driver's license, is expressly exempt from licensing requirements, or is otherwise specifically authorized to drive the class of vehicle that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

To obtain a driver's license, an applicant must pass a driver examination. The examination tests vision, the ability to read and understand highway signs, knowledge of traffic laws and safe driving practices, a demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable control in driving a motor vehicle, and any other additional physical or mental examination MVA considers necessary to determine an applicant's fitness to drive a motor vehicle safely.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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