

R004-0102

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 STATE REQUIREMENT OF A VISION AND HEARING
30 EXAMINATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO MAINTAIN
40 A DRIVING LICENSE

50 WHEREAS: According to the National Motor Vehicle Insurance Agency, over the
60 past ten years, the number of motor vehicle accidents involving senior citizens
70 has increased by 48%; and,

80 WHEREAS: According to the 1999 statistics by the National Motor Vehicle Insurance
90 Agency, in 100 motor vehicle accidents 54 of the involve senior citizens; and,

100 WHEREAS: After Studies done by the National motor Vehicle Insurance Agency, the
110 conclusion was drawn that of those 54 accidents, the senior citizen was at fault
120 39 times; and,

120 WHEREAS: With further research, including interviews with the senior citizens and
130 witnesses to those accidents, the agency reported that of those 39 accidents, 12
140 occurred because the senior citizen had failed to hear a horn, even though
150 witnesses interviewed testified that one had sounded; 24 claimed that they had
160 not seen the oncoming vehicle.

160 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student legislature affirms that persons
170 with detectable, treatable and yet untreated impaired hearing and/or vision
180 should not be permitted to operate a motor vehicle.

190 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student legislature affirms that
200 Congress shall pass a resolution dictating that all persons, 65 years of age and
210 older must bi-annually meet minimum requirements, as determined by
220 individual states in hearing and vision to retain the privilege to operate a motor
230 vehicle.

240 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student legislature affirms that
250 in the event that a state does not comply with this law, it will suffer a reduction
260 of 10% of its 2009 yearly federal highway funding.

270 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student legislature affirms that
280 once a state has ratified a law to this effect, it will receive a 5% increase of its
290 current yearly federal highway funding for the sole purpose of administering this
300 program.

310 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student legislature affirms that
320 \$5,900,000,000 shall be rescinded from the Airport and Airway Program of the
330 Transportation Department and transferred to the Federal Highway Funding
340 Program, leaving the Airport and Airway Program with \$2,075,000,000, to serve
350 for the 5% increase in federal highway funds as promised with the passage of
360 the sought law.

370 MANDATES: President George W. Bush
380 Members of the House of Representatives Transportation Committee

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