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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REFORMATION OF THE DRIVER TRAINING**
20 **AND LICENSING SYSTEM IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

30 **WHEREAS:** Maryland has a significantly higher automobile accident and fatality rate than
40 Germany; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Germany has higher speed limits and lower accident rates than the State of
60 Maryland; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Driver Education in the State of Maryland has a focus on the ability to park a car
80 and do a three point turn, as well as the rules of the road; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** While it is important to have a knowledge of how to do all of these things, there
100 is no education on car control; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** In Germany, there is a high emphasis placed on education in car control, which in
120 turn leads to less accidents, even at higher speed; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The German licensing system requires more experience (in both hours driven
140 during and duration of) while on a Learner's Permit; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** This additional time and training ensures that Germans are more and better
160 prepared for driving in all conditions that they could face with (with natural
170 exceptions); and,

180 **WHEREAS:** The number one function of any education and licensing system should be to
190 produce safe and skilled drivers to ensure safety on the road.

200 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
210 Maryland General Assembly to pass and Governor O'Malley to sign legislation
220 that would implement a driver's licensing and education system in the state of
230 Maryland, similar to the German Education and Licensing System.

240 **MANDATES:**

250 Martin O'Malley, Governor
260 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House
270 Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Senate

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