

**R026-0809**

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

30     **WHEREAS:** Maryland has a significantly higher automobile accident and fatality rate  
40     than 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  
80     a car 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 is no education on car control; and,

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

130    **WHEREAS:** The German licensing system requires more experience (in both hours  
140    driven 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 natural exceptions); and,

180    **WHEREAS:** The number one function of any education and licensing system should be  
190    to 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 that  
220    would implement a driver's licensing and education system in the state of Maryland,  
230    similar to the German Education and Licensing System.

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

**SPONSOR:** Paul R. Schuman  
              Governor's Chief of Staff  
              Speaker Pro Tem  
              Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee  
              Tory Caucus Leader