

C. Obtaining a False or Forged Identification Card, Driver's License or Learner's Instructional Permit

The law states that if you attempt to secure a false or fraudulent identification card, learner's instructional permit or driver's license, you may be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment under Federal and State Law.

It is a violation of the law to misrepresent your age to purchase, possess or acquire alcoholic beverages. In addition to the above penalties, your driver's license may be suspended.

D. Administrative Actions

The MVA may suspend, revoke, refuse or cancel a license for violations of motor vehicle laws. The MVA will send a notice to the individual's address of record to advise of a proposed administrative action, the reason the action is being taken, and what steps the individual may take to either have the action modified or not imposed. In most cases, an administrative hearing may be requested to show cause why the administrative action should not occur. Maryland Motor Vehicle Law requires the surrender of any license, which is suspended, revoked, refused or cancelled. Credit for the term of the suspension, revocation, or period of restriction will begin only after the license is received by the MVA.

1. Suspension of Driver's License

The suspension of a Maryland driver's license is the temporary withdrawal of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle. In some cases, the MVA may determine to grant the individual a restricted driver's license. The restricted license allows the individual to operate a motor vehicle only for a specific purpose, i.e., employment and educational purposes.

2. Revocation of Driver's License

The revocation of a Maryland driver's license is the withdrawal of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle until the MVA determines the individual can safely operate a motor vehicle again. Unlike the suspension period that ends at a specified time, a revocation has a minimum waiting period to apply and is subject to denial by the MVA.

3. Cancellation of Driver's License

A cancelled driver's license means that the driving privilege is terminated. The MVA may cancel a driver's license if it is determined that the licensee was not entitled to be issued the license, failed to give required or correct information on the license application, or committed fraud in making application or obtaining the license. A parent can also request the cancellation of the driver's license of a minor child (see Section II, F).

E. Sanctions

Provisional licensees must hold a valid provisional license for an assigned conviction free period before becoming eligible for full license status. Convictions or "Probation before Judgment" (PBJ) for moving violations while holding a provisional license will require the completion of a driver improvement program and/or a suspension or revocation of the driver's license followed by the imposition of an employment and education only restriction on the driver's license.

If the licensee is under 18 years of age and receives a moving violation with a provisional license, then becomes convicted of or granted probation before judgment for the violation, the following sanctions apply: