1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **78th General Assembly** # A Bill

3 **Regular Session, 1991** **SENATE BILL**

4 **By: Senator Beebe**

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7 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S

9 LICENSE TO A LICENSEE WHOSE CORRECTABLE VISION IS WORSE

10 THAN 20/50; TO EXEMPT OPHTHALMOLOGISTS FROM LIABILITY; AND

11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Arkansas Code §§27-16-604,

16 27-16-704, 27-16-804, and 27-16-907, applicants whose corrected visual acuity

17 is worse than 20/50 may qualify for a restricted license by providing a

18 written statement by an ophthalmologist, who has examined the applicant,

19 evidencing that the applicant can see well enough to drive a motor vehicle

20 safely. The ophthalmologist's statement shall state if the test results

21 indicate the necessity of placing any departmental restrictions in addition to

22 the corrective lens restriction upon the applicant's driver's license.

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24 SECTION 2. An ophthalmologist issuing a statement pursuant to this act

25 shall be exempt from any and all liability which may result from a motor

26 vehicle accident involving a person who used that statement to obtain a

27 driver's license.

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29 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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33 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

2 act are declared to be severable.

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4   SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

5 hereby repealed.

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