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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1476

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE VISUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN  
9 ARKANSAS DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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12 TO AMEND THE VISUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN  
13 ARKANSAS DRIVER'S LICENSE.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-604(a)(8), concerning persons not  
20 allowed to be issued a driver's license, is amended to read as follows:

21 (8) Who is receiving any type of welfare, tax, or other benefit  
22 or exemption as a blind or nearly blind person, if the correctable vision of  
23 the person is less than ~~20/50~~ 20/70 in the better eye or if the total visual  
24 field of the person is less than one hundred five degrees (105°);  
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-704(b)(4), concerning the examination  
27 of applicants for driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

28 (4) The applicant shall have a minimum uncorrected visual acuity  
29 of 20/40 for an unrestricted license and a minimum corrected visual acuity of  
30 ~~20/50~~ 20/70 for a restricted license. The applicant's field of vision shall  
31 be at least one hundred forty degrees (140°) for a person with two (2)  
32 functional eyes and at least one hundred five degrees (105°) for a person with  
33 one (1) functional eye.  
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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-16-804(c), concerning testing  
36 requirements for visual acuity, is amended to read as follows:



1 (c) All licensees who have a tested uncorrected visual acuity of less  
2 than 20/40 shall be restricted to the operation of a motor vehicle,  
3 motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle only while they are wearing corrective  
4 lenses. No person shall be allowed to operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or  
5 a motor-driven cycle if he or she has a tested corrected visual acuity of  
6 less than ~~20/50~~ 20/70 or if he or she has a field of vision less than one  
7 hundred forty degrees (140°) with two (2) functioning eyes or less than one  
8 hundred five degrees (105°) with one (1) functioning eye.