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Carry the following Driver's Rights Card with you at all times. If you are stopped by the police, hand the officer the card. Let the card speak for you. Do not read it to the officer. Remember, the police have power, but their power is limited by your rights **if you assert them.**

**IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE  
POLICE, WILL YOU KNOW YOUR  
LEGAL RIGHTS?**

If you are stopped by the police and the officer asks for information other than your driver's license and proof of insurance, you should hand him the attached card. Remain silent and answer no questions. This card will not prevent a drunk driver from being caught and arrested. Physical signs of impairment might exist that will allow an officer to prove a case. Do not expect this card to solve all your problems.

**DRIVERS RIGHTS CARD  
NOTICE TO OFFICER:**

Please keep this official notification for your records.

- 1 I herewith tender my driver's license and vehicle registration.
- 2 If I am not in custody, I understand that I do not have to answer any questions or volunteer any information. Therefore, I choose not to make any statements or answer any questions. Furthermore, I choose not to take any voluntary roadside field sobriety evaluations (ABC's, touch nose, balancing tests, eye tests, etc.) or any handheld breath tests.
- 3 I have committed no crime and respectfully request that my driver's license, vehicle registration card, and any other of my documents in your possession be returned to me immediately.
- 4 If I am not allowed to leave at this time, I will assume that this is more than a brief investigatory stop and that I am in custody (under arrest). I therefore invoke my **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT** including my right not to take any of the aforementioned roadside field sobriety evaluations.
- 5 Without waiving any deficiencies in the statutory procedures or the implied consent notice, if I consent to any official state tests of my blood, breath, urine, or other bodily substance, I further request that I be allowed to take an independent test at a private medical facility by personnel of my own choosing and at my own expense.
- 6 **I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH** of my person, my vehicle, or any of my property.
- 7 **I INVOKE MY RIGHT TO A LAWYER** and request that I be allowed to call attorney **Scott C. Athen at 443-324-5289** prior to deciding whether or not to take any Blood Alcohol Concentration test.

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The information provided is intended to educate the Maryland motoring public about their rights. It is not legal advice and should not be taken as such. It is not intended to aid drunk drivers in avoiding punishment. If you have been arrested, contact a lawyer immediately in order to preserve these and other valuable legal rights.

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPRESENT YOURSELF.**