



# Medical Oversight of Non-commercial Drivers

Public Hearing  
Washington, D.C.  
March 18-19 2003

## Date of Origin of MABs

### First Three

**Maryland - 1947**

**Florida - 1952**

**Delaware - 1953**

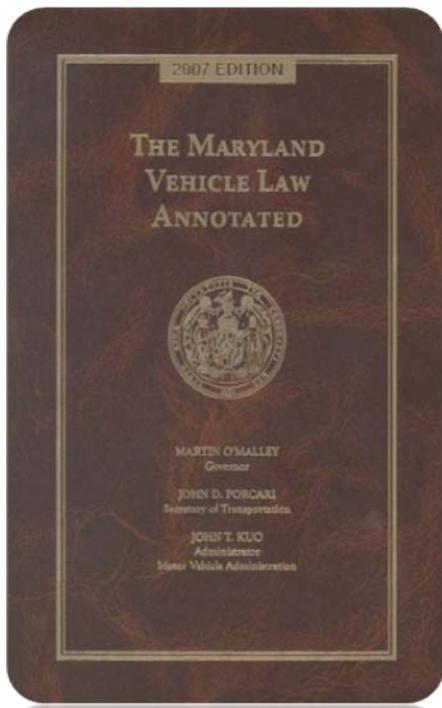


**Of the 32 functioning MABs for which dates  
of origin are known**

**21 (66%) were created before 1980**

**4 (13%) were founded after 1990.**

## §TR 16-118



- (a) “The Administrator may appoint a Medical Advisory Board...
- (c) “The Administrator may refer to the Medical Advisory Board,

**advisory opinion, the case of any licensee or applicant for a license, if the Administrator has good cause to believe that the driving of a vehicle by him would be contrary to public safety and welfare because of an existing or suspected mental or physical disability.”**

# **Paths to the Maryland MVA Driver Wellness & Medical Advisory Board**

- ALJ/court referral
- Request for Re-examination
- Self report on application & at time of renewal
- Report from a clinician
- Concerned citizen report (family, friend, etc.)
- Counter referrals - customer service agents



# ***MVA – Driver Wellness Philosophy***

## ***SAFE MOBILITY FOR LIFE***

- Mobility for Quality of Life***
- Safe Mobility for Life of Client  
& other users of roadways***
- Drive for as long as Safe***
- Consider each driver on a case-by-case basis***
- This is accomplished by medical assessments  
re-education, & rehabilitation training programs.***

## Physician Letter to County Sheriff's Department

*The above married couple have been patients of mine for three decades, and I love them. They both have very significant physical and mental impairments, concerning which I can supply full details to the appropriate medical board. The impairments are such that I feel strongly that they should not be driving. Mrs. X, after several worrisome episodes promised me about 1 ½ years ago that she would not drive, and I understood that her family were all partners to the compact.....*

## Physician Letter to County Sheriff's Department (cont.)

*I am now advised by their caregiver that they have purchased a new car and have the intention of driving it. I strongly feel, for safety reasons, that it is time to formally withdraw their driving privileges. Please advise the appropriate agencies. I stress that this recommendation is not on the basis of their age, their diagnoses, etc. but on the basis of their physical and mental impairment.*





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Motor Vehicle Administration

**PHYSICIAN'S REPORT  
Driver Wellness & Safety**

**QUESTIONS?  
Please call:  
(410) 768-7511**

**TTY FOR THE DEAF 1-800-492-4575**

**In my professional opinion, this person is  
Physically/mentally capable of safely operating  
Aa motor vehicle at this time.**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**Comment**



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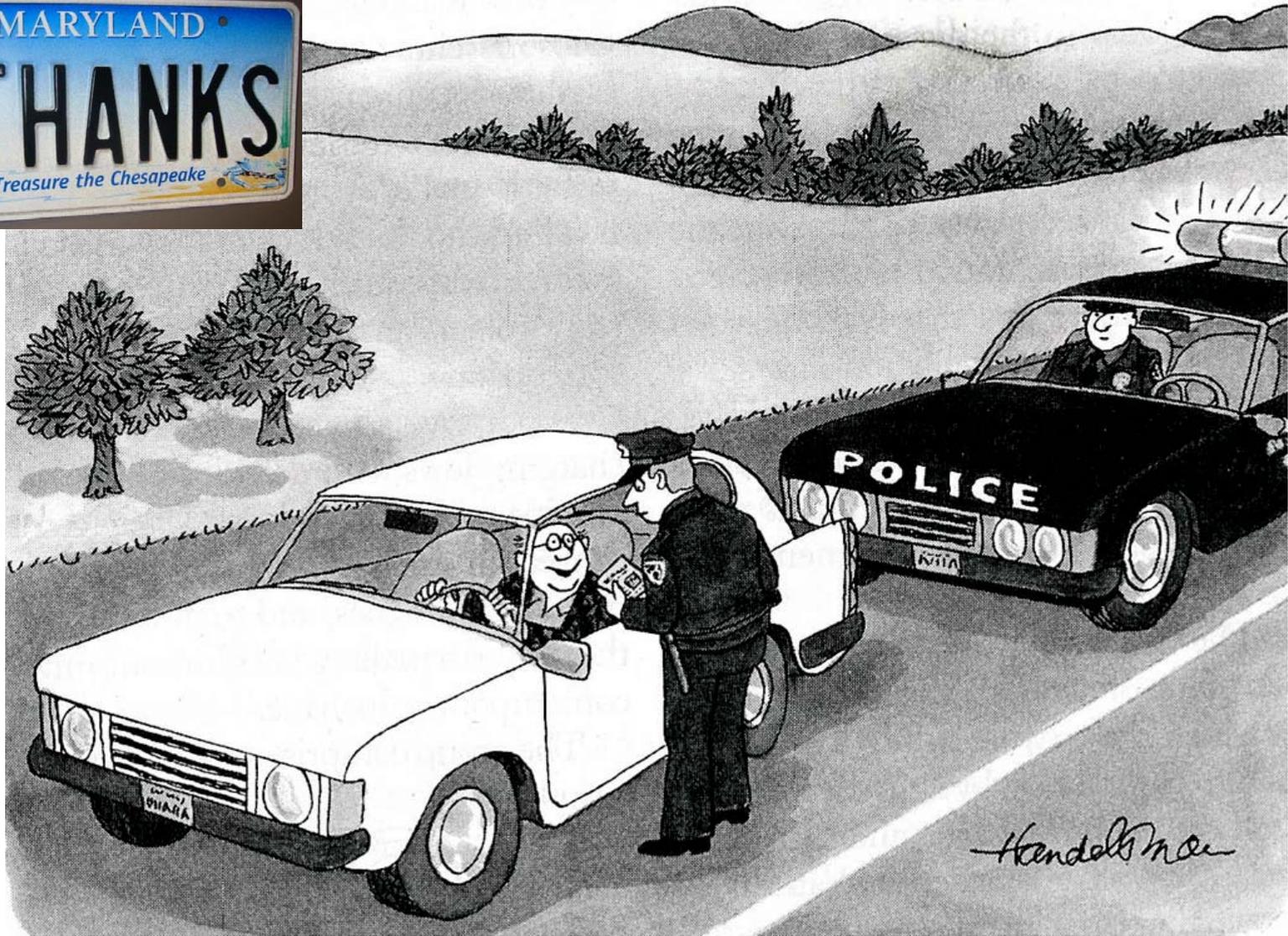
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**Based on your assessment of this patient, do you have any concern about his/her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle?**

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_Not Sure\_\_\_**

**If Yes, or Not Sure, please explain\_\_\_\_\_**

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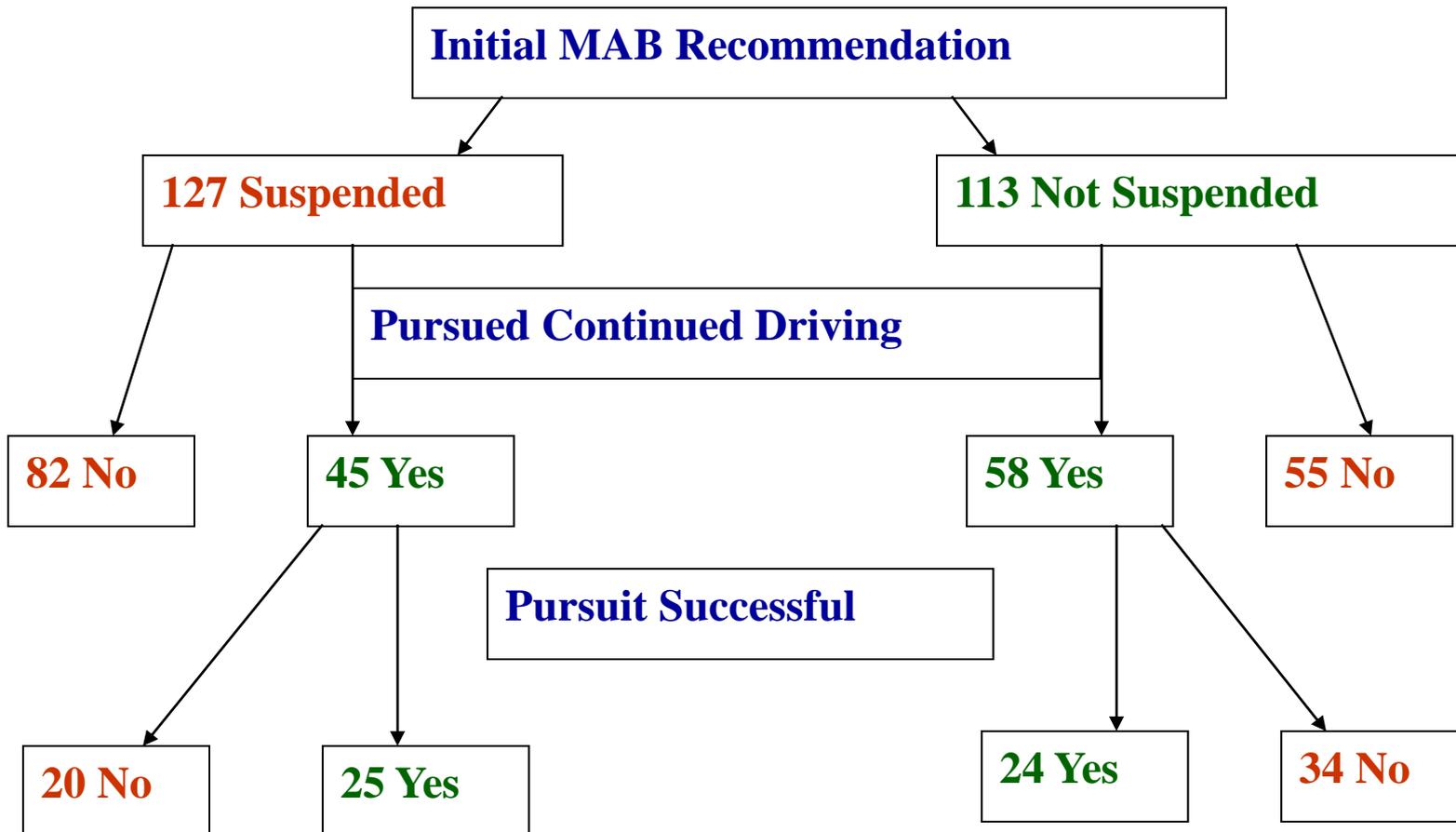


*“It’s not that I’m too old. I’ve always been a lousy driver.”*

The New Yorker

Medical fitness to drive education should be part of the core curriculum & continuing professional education for all clinicians.

**Eventual Licensing Outcome of 240  
Senior Drivers Referred by Police to MAB**



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## The Bottom Bottom Lines

**49 or 20.4% of Senior Drivers Continued to Drive**

However,

New restrictions for 9 drivers

7 geographic restriction/2 daylight only

1 daylight only

1 alcohol restriction

**40 or 16.6% of Senior Drivers Continued to Drive  
Without any new restrictions**

**8 of 29 (27.6%) maintained their driving privilege as  
the result of OT Evaluation & Training**



PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND  
Faint text on a name tag, likely identifying the woman as a representative of the State of Maryland.