

# 2-1-12: Possible Checks on Maryland Drivers

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A year ago this month, 20-year-old Johns Hopkins student Nathan Krasnopoler was bicycling near the university when he was hit by a car. Nathan passed away last August as a result of his injuries.

The driver who hit Nathan was 83 years old. She was charged with negligent driving and failure to yield to a bicyclist.

Now, Nathan's family is working to prevent this kind of accident from happening again. His mother, Susan Cohen, is testifying against a bill that's being heard by the judiciary committee today, which would extend the driver's license renewal period from 5 years to 8 years. She's also suggesting amendments to the bill. John Kuo, administrator of the Maryland MVA, says the department has been running on reduced resources for several years, and this will make things more efficient.

Sheilah talks with Susan Cohen about this bill, as well as other laws affecting Maryland drivers that she thinks should change.

You can also listen to this segment from last April, in which we talked with Jonathan King, who oversees the research portfolio on older drivers at the National Institute on Aging about the impact of aging on driving.