

SENATE BILL 48

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By: **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of General Services – Identification Cards – Veteran Status**
3 **Notation**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of General Services to include a notation
5 on a certain identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran under certain
6 circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain the consent of a certain holder of
7 an identification card before transmitting certain information to a certain executive
8 agency; prohibiting the Department from transmitting certain information obtained
9 on an application for an identification card except under certain circumstances; and
10 generally relating to veterans and identification cards issued by the Department of
11 General Services.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – State Finance and Procurement
14 Section 4–101
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – State Finance and Procurement
19 Section 4–211
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

4 4–101.

5 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) “Department” means the Department of General Services.

7 (c) “Secretary” means the Secretary of General Services.

8 4–211.

9 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
10 INDICATED.

11 (2) “EXECUTIVE AGENCY” MEANS A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE
12 BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

13 (3) “IDENTIFICATION CARD” MEANS A SECURITY CARD ISSUED BY
14 THE DEPARTMENT TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY
15 THE SECRETARY, INCLUDING A CONTRACTOR, REGULATED LOBBYIST, MEDIA
16 PERSONNEL, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, OR VOLUNTEER.

17 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCLUDE A NOTATION ON AN
18 IDENTIFICATION CARD INDICATING THAT THE HOLDER IS A VETERAN IF THE
19 INDIVIDUAL ISSUED THE IDENTIFICATION CARD PRESENTS A CERTIFICATION OF
20 VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY
21 FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, A
22 DD FORM 214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

23 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY LIMIT THE NOTATION AUTHORIZED BY
24 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO A CERTAIN CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES OF
25 IDENTIFICATION CARD HOLDERS.

26 (C) (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR A NOTATION ON
27 AN IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT INDICATES THAT THE HOLDER IS A VETERAN, THE
28 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
29 CARD THE OPTION FOR THE APPLICANT TO:

30 (I) INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND

1 (II) CONSENT TO BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE
2 EXECUTIVE AGENCIES REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL’S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR
3 FEDERAL VETERANS’ BENEFITS.

4 (2) (I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE
5 GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON
6 REQUEST BY AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE
7 EXECUTIVE AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH IDENTIFICATION
8 CARD HOLDER WHO HAS GIVEN CONSENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS
9 SUBSECTION.

10 (II) UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED BY LAW,
11 THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT TRANSMIT INFORMATION OBTAINED ON AN
12 APPLICATION FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT RELATES TO THE APPLICANT’S
13 STATUS AS A VETERAN UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS GIVEN CONSENT UNDER
14 PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

15 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
16 SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.