

March 4, 2024

**To: Chairman Will C. Smith and The Judicial Proceedings Committee From:**

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**BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent *Disability* AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

***Position: I would like to request this BILL be favorable to have the OPTION to select this voluntary choice for Maryland State ID.***

Written Testimony for Linda K. Carpenter-Grantham, Mother of 19-Year Old son Eric Blessed Carpenter Grantham who is highly functioning autistic for future law for AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" for people with invisible disabilities. Such as Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and Hidden Disabilities.

**Bill Number: SB1096**

**TITLE: Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW"**

I am a single mother of an amazing 19-Year old son Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham who is highly functioning autistic. We also have our own non-profit titled: THE BLUE RUNWAY FOR AUTISM. We partner with MACY's and Law Enforcement to host fashion shows for people with autism/special needs. We also have our "DRESSED IN BLUE" workshop where we engage with the police on interacting with a person with invisible disabilities like autism, mental health and hearing impaired/special needs.

When George Floyd was killed. I realize that I have an African American son with an invisible disability that cannot be seen. Should my son be stopped by Law Enforcement could be very concerning for his life. There is always the possibility that my son may not be able to follow the command that would be given to him at that time. Depending on his ability to comprehend fully and being fearful at that time. Eric also has sensory issues, which means his hearing, touch, taste and smell are heightened.

This means that other high pitch noises, lights, smells and touching could redirect his attention away from the command that is being requested at that time. Eric also has heart disease. He had heart bypass surgery April 13, 2016 and He has asthma. Whenever he gets

high stress levels he will complain of chest pains, heart skipping beats and sometimes feeling a little short of breath. This is also concerning should he be stopped by Law Enforcement and become fearful.

When creating a scenario for Eric to understand telling him if Law Enforcement should stop him. Put your hands up, don't reach for your cell phone to call me (his first instinct is to call me for everything) YELL OUT! – I HAVE AUTISM! YELL OUT CALL MY MOTHER! – YELL OUT MY CELL PHONE NUMBER! – Eric's reply was "Mom – I can do that! But the police would shoot my friends"

Eric started to cry. He said with such urgency "Mom – WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING NOW! Because Eric has always had a passion for GOD and Politics. He asked me to take him to congress to speak with former House Speaker Mrs. Nancy Pelosi. He said he wanted to talk with her regarding laws that would protect himself and his friends that have autism/Invisible disabilities. I told him I am very proud of him and that I would do my best to get him there.

Eric said "Mom! I have an idea." Can I put the logo on the ID and Driver's license for Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and the Butterfly for Hidden Disabilities. We drew the artwork of the (A-for Autism, Silhouette of the Head with a lighter green heart, Ear with sound bars, Butterfly with Black Border and distinctive colors in the wings that represent the colors for invisible disabilities in the ribbon. **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

I contacted Senator Chris Van Hollen's Office. We met with the Senator March 29, 2023 and he loved the idea. He appointed his legislative aid Ijeoma Egekeze to assist us with writing the proposal for the future **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

I contacted Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy to meet with her March 21, 2023 and hear what she thought about "ERIC's ID LAW". She was very supportive. She stated "ERIC's ID LAW" could be used in her line of work.

I also contacted Prince George's Sheriff John Carr, Montgomery County Sheriff Maxwell Uy, Montgomery County Chief of Police Marcus Jones, Montgomery County Councilmembers Will Jawando, Kate Stewart, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass and Congressman David Trone. They were ALL in agreement with "ERIC's ID LAW".

I contacted our Maryland State Senator Will C. Smith to request a meeting with him regarding this becoming a BILL. We met on July 10, 2023 Senator Smith was very positive

about this becoming a BILL. Eric explained to him why this was very important, that He and His friends that are people of color and have autism need to have something on their ID that states they have an invisible disability should they be stopped by Law Enforcement.

Eric explained to the Senator how concerned he is for all people but especially people of color being stopped by Law Enforcement and having autism/invisible disabilities. How many people of color with invisible disabilities are being hurt, harmed and killed by Law Enforcement.

Senator Will C. Smith was excited to inform me and Eric that he would write the BILL for **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

I scheduled a meeting with Ms. Jessica Mettles for May 18, 2023 at 11am. At Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration to discuss the possibilities of MVA applying "ERIC's ID LAW Logos to the Maryland State ID and Driver's License. The attendees were Linda Carpenter-Grantham, Eric Carpenter-Grantham, Prince Georges County Sheriff John Carr, MVA Staff Jessica Mettle, April King, Adrienne Diaczok and Joseph Hargrove. April King, Director of Legislative Affairs, was not open to this request. She informed us that they are using their BLUE CARD for Developmental Disabilities that they implemented in 2020.

Her request to me was if I could hold off on "ERIC's ID LAW" and give them a chance to get the BLUE CARD out due to covid. It was a true insult to ask me to hold off on my son's mission to save lives for people like himself and others like him until she could get the BLUE CARD completely out.

We also met with the Secretary of Disabilities Carol Beatty, Rachel London, Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, Ethan Saylor Alliance Steering Committee on October 11, 2023 at 10am. Attendees for that meeting were Ms. Saylor, Stephanie Jones, Sdolamore, Katherine Follin, Robert Wagner, E Benevides, Tomgene Curtis, My Three Wheels, KendallF, Kimberly McKay, Jennifer Eastman. Pathfinder for Autism.

Eric and I presented "ERIC's ID LAW" to everyone who attended the meeting. I explained in detail how this is a voluntary selection and how we really need the option to be able to select this on our ID for the State of Maryland especially being a person of color.

Eric explained how important this is to him for himself and his friends and others in the world to be safe should you get stopped by law enforcement.

I remember the question being asked "What do we want from them"? I said "We would love your support for "ERIC's ID LAW". We can ALL work together to help save lives. NO ONE said anything! This is when I knew "ERIC's ID LAW" was NOT welcomed with this group who

happens to be ALL Caucasian people.

This was a moment that really hurt and was very disappointing. I never taught Eric to see color. I teach him to see character. GOD's word says love your neighbor! He didn't say Love your black neighbor or gay neighbor! – He said your NEIGHBOR! That means ALL PEOPLE!

I pray this BILL is passed for **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

**"ERIC's ID LAW"** is intended to help save lives for ALL people that have an encounter with Law Enforcement. I also hope that it serves as a communication tool within the community. I hope that any place that requires ID will be able to serve the person that needs assistance with **"ERIC's ID LAW"**.

I want my son to feel a sense of security with this being on his ID that he will get the help that is needed to assist him. I am asking the favorable choice to pass this BILL because it is definitely needed.

I have attached copies of the examples of logos that Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham has created on dummy ID's. I have also attached the 11 States that have the Voluntary Option ID Indicators. Stories of people with autism and invisible disabilities being hurt, harmed and killed by Law enforcement for you to reference. Statistics of different parts of the United States of America regarding invisible disabilities. I have submitted letters of support from the public to Senator Will C. Smith that are in favor of **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION).**

Kind regards

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Examples of Eric's ID law logos created by Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham

**MARYLAND** U.S.A.  
Driver's License

DL 

Customer identifier: S-000-000-000-000  
Date of birth: 07/07/1985

Family name: SAMPLE  
Given names: JANE DIANE  
Address: 123 ANY STREET  
GLEN BURNIE MD 21062

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 **AUTISTIC**

Date of birth	Sex	Height	Weight	Date of exp
07/07/1985	F	5-8"	132	07/07/2023
Restrictions	Classifications	Endorsements	Date of issue	
	B		03/25/2016	

 **VETERAN**  **ORGAN DONOR**

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 **Mental Health**

Date of birth	Sex	Height	Weight	Date of exp
07/07/1985	F	5-8"	132	07/07/2023
Restrictions	Classifications	Endorsements	Date of issue	
	B		03/25/2016	

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 **Hearing Impaired**

Date of birth	Sex	Height	Weight	Date of exp
07/07/1985	F	5-8"	132	07/07/2023
Restrictions	Classifications	Endorsements	Date of issue	
	B		03/25/2016	

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Driver's License

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Customer identifier: S-000-000-000-000  
Date of birth: 07/07/1985

Family name: SAMPLE  
Given names: JANE DIANE  
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 **HIDDEN DISABILITY**

Date of birth	Sex	Height	Weight	Date of exp
07/07/1985	F	5-8"	132	07/07/2023
Restrictions	Classifications	Endorsements	Date of issue	
	B		03/25/2016	

 **VETERAN**  **ORGAN DONOR**

## *Statistics for the State Of Maryland & The United States Of America*

**According to United for Alice number of People With Disabilities in Maryland = 655,840**  
[financial hardship among people with disabilities:maryland United Way of the National Capital Area](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11/financial_hardship_among_people_with_disabilities:maryland_United_Way_of_the_National_Capital_Area) [https://unitedwaynca.org › uploads › 2022/11](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11)

**According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism. In Maryland, the prevalence is slightly higher, with 1 in 50 children being diagnosed.**

[Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum ... Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes) [https://www.cdc.gov › mmwr › volumes](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes)

**The estimates suggest that about 3% of Black, Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander children have an autism diagnosis, compared with about 2% of white kids.**

[Autism now more common in Black, Latino children than white ... NBC News](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/autism-now-comm...)  
[https://www.nbcnews.com › news › autism-now-comm...](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/autism-now-comm...)

**In Maryland, Black and Asian or Pacific Islander children were two times more likely to be identified with ASD as Hispanic and white children.**

[CDC Report Shows Overall and Maryland Autism Rate ... Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...) [https://publichealth.jhu.edu › cdc-report-shows-overall-a...](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...)

**Black children in Maryland were more likely to have ASD than white children.**

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**People under age 30 with disabilities are 44% more likely to be arrested by police.**

[People With Disabilities More Likely to Be Arrested Social Work Today Magazine](https://www.socialworktoday.com)  
<https://www.socialworktoday.com> › news

**In the United States, 50 percent of people killed by law enforcement are disabled, and more than half of disabled African Americans have been arrested by the time they turn 28—double the risk in comparison to their white disabled counterparts.**

[Understanding the Policing of Black, Disabled Bodies Center for American Progress](https://www.americanprogress.org)  
<https://www.americanprogress.org> › article › understand...

**According to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, people with I/DD are often misjudged by police and the general public because their disabilities are invisible.**

[Interacting With Police If You Have a Disability](https://policebrutalitycenter.org)  
[Police Brutality Center https://policebrutalitycenter.org](https://policebrutalitycenter.org) › interacting-with-police-...

**According to *Autism Speaks*, disabled individuals are seven times more likely than others to interact with police, and 53 percent of autistic adults in a 2019 study reported having had four or more interactions with police in their lifetime.**

[Interacting With Police If You Have a Disability Police Brutality Center](https://policebrutalitycenter.org)  
<https://policebrutalitycenter.org> › interacting-with-police-...

**Officers perceived 1.2% of the people they stopped to have one or more disabilities.**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2022-01-12/pedestrian-traffic-stops-police-essential-california>

**Boys are nearly 4 times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. Autism prevalence is lower among white children than other racial and ethnic groups: White – 2.4% Black – 2.9%**

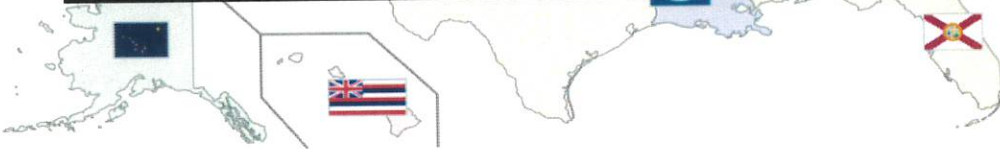
[Report reveals who gets stopped by cops in California Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)  
<https://www.latimes.com> › california › newsletter › ped...

**Charles County Maryland Police Department stop paralyzed man**

▶ Cops Degrade Paralyzed Man During Traffic Stop



States that have disabilities ID's law on the driver ID's



Alaska

*Introducing* **NATIONAL Disability.iD**  
 presented by  
**INVISIBLE DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION**  
 www.InvisibleDisabilities.org

Leading legislative efforts for an approved identifier on government IDs for voluntary disability disclosure.



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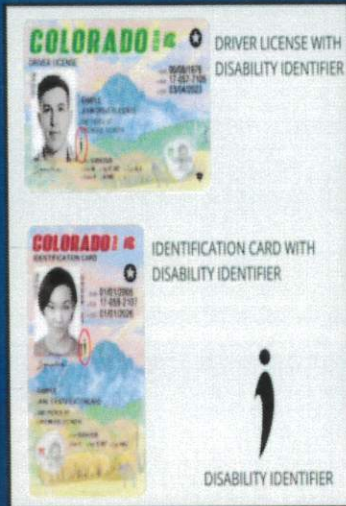
**PROOF OF CONCEPT:**  
 Alaska passes first USA legislation using the IDA logo/brand as the all-encompassing disability identifier on their Driver's License.

Watch for ongoing updates!

Link: <https://invisibledisabilities.org/ida-getting-the-word-out-about-invisible-disabilities/announcing-idas-national-disability-id-initiative>



# Colorado



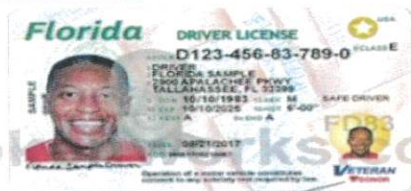
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<https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/new-dmv-identification-options-to-help-communicate-disabilities-in-emergency-situations>

Link:

<https://invisibledisabilities.org/news/press-releases/disability-id-symbol-available-in-colorado>

# Florida



Link:

<https://www.bestbuddies.org/florida-disability-designation-on-drivers-licenses>

## New Designations

Veteran Organ Donor Deaf/Hard of Hearing Developmentally Disabled (ID Only)



## New Lifetime License Designations

Indicators always appear in the same order and location:

Sportsman's Boater Freshwater Saltwater Hunting

Georgia



Application for Placement of Medical/Disability Information on License/Permit/Identification Card

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name Date of Birth
Address
City State Zip Code
Signature of Applicant Date

SECTION II - DISABILITY SYMBOL AND SEATING/TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

1. Does the above-named individual have a permanent disability as defined by O.C.G.A. §40-5-170(1)?
2. Please indicate if a Transportation and/or Seating indicator is needed on the DDS document (license, permit, or identification card) for the above-named individual (available only if "YES" is indicated in question #1).

SECTION III - MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Please select up to a maximum of seven (7) of the conditions listed below which apply to the customer (this information will be placed on the back of the document issued by DDS at the request of the customer).
PTSD Vision Loss Hearing Loss Seizures
Diabetes Heart Condition Dementia Hemophilia
Drug Allergy Pacemaker Autism Developmental Disability
Physical Disability Lung Disease Renal Condition Brain Injury

SECTION IV - Must be completed by a Licensed Medical Doctor if any items selected in Section II or III are requested because of a permanent disability or medical condition that is not obvious.

Printed Name of Medical Doctor Doctor's Medical License Number
Address
City State Zip Code
Signature of Licensed Medical Doctor Date

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

DDS-29 Revised (3/23/2011)

Link:

https://dds.georgia.gov/h
ow-do-i-handicap-id

Eligibility for Placement of the Disability or
medical information must be verified by a

medical doctor on the Certificate of

Eligibility (Form DDS-29) unless the

permanent disability is obvious. Any

person old enough to sign their name, or

make a mark indicating their legal

signature can apply.

New Jersey

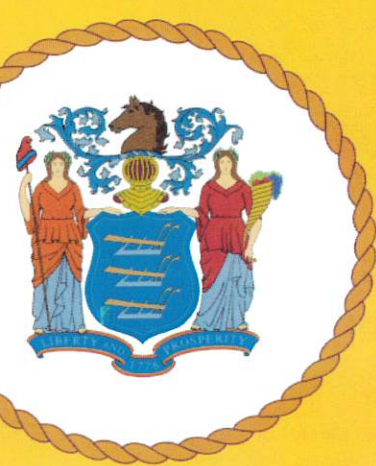
The legislation, S761, allows people to indicate that they have a communication disorder on their license or government identification card. "This law is a victory for people with autism and their families," Murphy said in a statement after he signed the bill into law Monday. May 18, 2023

Link: NJ drivers licenses autism note can be included under law

Bergen Record https://www.northjersey.com/news/state/2023/05/18

Link: Governor Signs Bill to Identify Autism on New Jersey ... Autism NJ https://autismnj.org/news/governor-signs-bill-to-id...

Link: https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/state/2023/05/18/nj-drivers-licenses-autism-law-police-stops/70228693007/



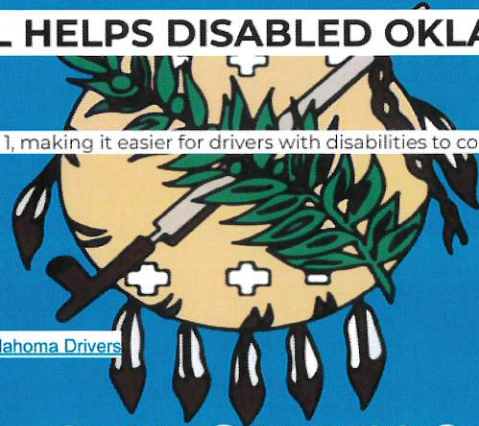
Oklahoma

# NEW HOUSE BILL HELPS DISABLED OKLAHOMA DRIVERS

House Bill 2516 goes into effect Nov. 1, making it easier for drivers with disabilities to communicate with law enforcement during a traffic stop.

Tuesday, October 29th 2019

Link: [New House Bill Helps Disabled Oklahoma Drivers](#)



# OKLAHOMA

South Carolina

**South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles**  
**Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition** (447-CAD) (Rev. 6/2017)

**Section 1 - General Guidance Medical Symbol Information**  
 Pursuant to SC Code §36-1-60, you may provide the SCDMV with up to three medical conditions that will be noted by a caduceus medical symbol displayed on the back of your non-commercial SC Registrar's permit, driver's license, or identification card.  
 The caduceus medical symbol will not be placed on commercial learner's permits (CLP's), or commercial driver's licenses (CDL's).  
 The medical condition(s) must be readily available to law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital personnel, the Medical Advisory Board pursuant to SC Code §36-1-221, and permitted entities pursuant to the Drive Privacy Protection Act, 16 U.S.C.A. §2771.  
 The SCDMV will not use the information you provide on this form to alert any review of your license or ID in a review of your fitness to drive unless due to other triggers, than the information provided on this form may be used as part of that review process.  
 This process can only be completed at an SCDMV branch.

**Section 2 - Applicant's Information**  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code) Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SC Driver's License Identification card or Registrar's Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I certify that this information is true and correct, and I understand that I am disclosing an SC Registrar's permit, driver's license, or identification card based on the information provided on the accompanying Application for a Registrar's Permit, Driver's License, or Identification Card (Form 447-REG), which will also reflect my voluntary disclosure of selected medical conditions. Further, if I am disclosing medical condition(s) in Section Four, I authorize my licensed physician named below to release the information requested in Section Four to the SCDMV.  
 Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 - Disclosing Medical Conditions and Adding Caduceus, Removing Medical Conditions on File**  
 Disclose one or more medical condition(s) indicated by your card.  
 Remove medical condition(s) previously disclosed. If you remove all medical conditions, the caduceus will also be removed.  
 (Physician's Signature in Section 4) I wish to remove the following medical condition(s) (see below): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4 - Physician's Statement**  
 A physician named in this form as defined in Chapter 47, Title 40 must complete the following section. Completing this section means that the applicant has the authorized medical condition(s). This is only for the voluntary disclosure of medical condition(s) to the SCDMV. The SCDMV will add a caduceus to the applicant's card if you sign below.  
**MEDICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY AN LICENSED PHYSICIAN** (has been diagnosed with the following medical condition(s))  
 This is to certify that:  
 Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Asthma  Cancer  Emphysema  Epilepsy  Heart Disease  Hypertension  Insulin Disease  Migraine  Multiple Sclerosis  Neurological Disorder  Seizure  Stroke  Depression  Eye Disorder  Fainting  Parkinson's Disease  Diabetes  Diabetes  Heart Disease  Mental Stress  Anest. Failure  Transient Ischemic Attacks  Blurred Vision  Hearing Impairment  Seizure  Stroke  Transient Ischemic Attacks

I certify that I am a Licensed Physician  
 M.D. Physician License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The SCDMV Form 447-CAD is used when an individual wishes to voluntarily disclose a medical condition to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. This form allows individuals to provide information about their medical condition, treatment, and any restrictions or accommodations needed while operating a vehicle. The form also includes a section for the individual's healthcare provider to certify the medical condition.

This form is important for individuals who have a medical condition that may affect their driving ability. By voluntarily disclosing this information, the SCDMV can assess whether any restrictions or accommodations are necessary to ensure safe driving. It is crucial to provide accurate and thorough information on this form to enable the SCDMV to make informed decisions regarding the individual's driving privileges.

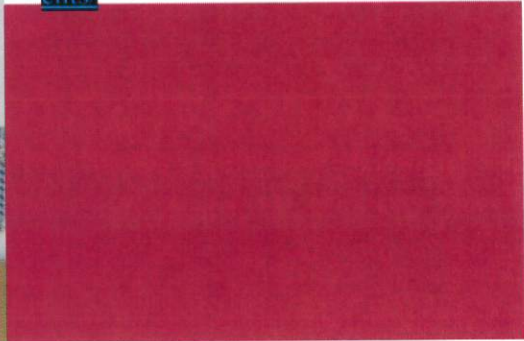
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# Texas



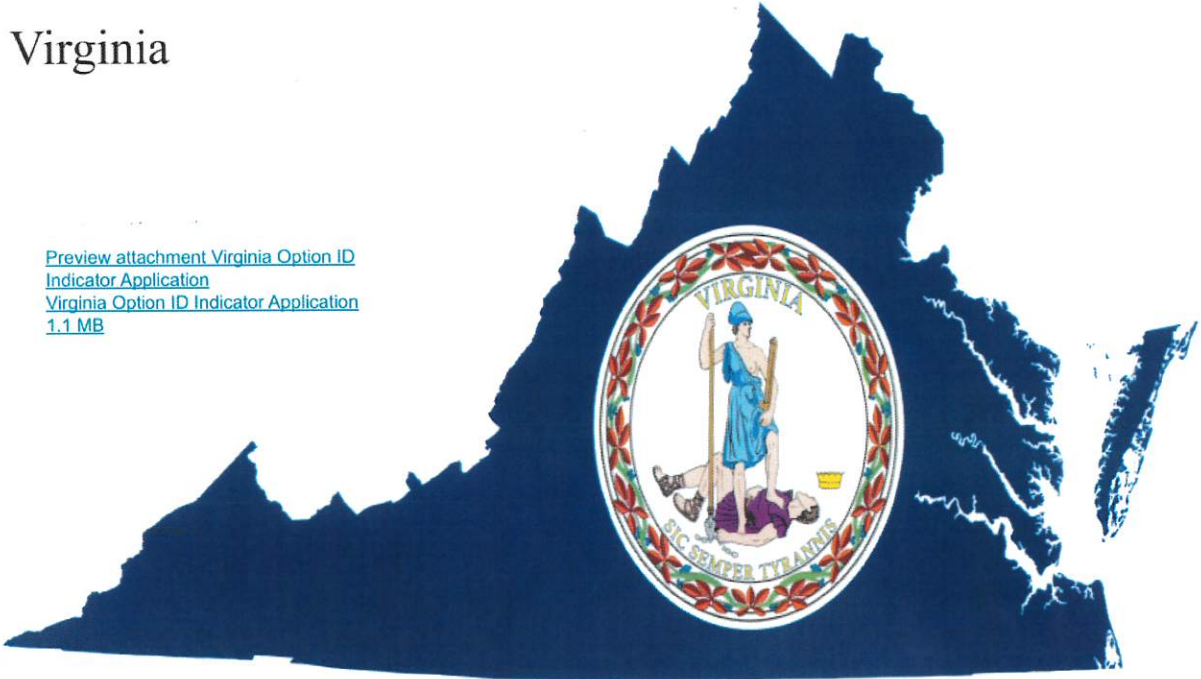
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Link: <https://www.aspergers101.com/driving-autism-communication-impediments/>

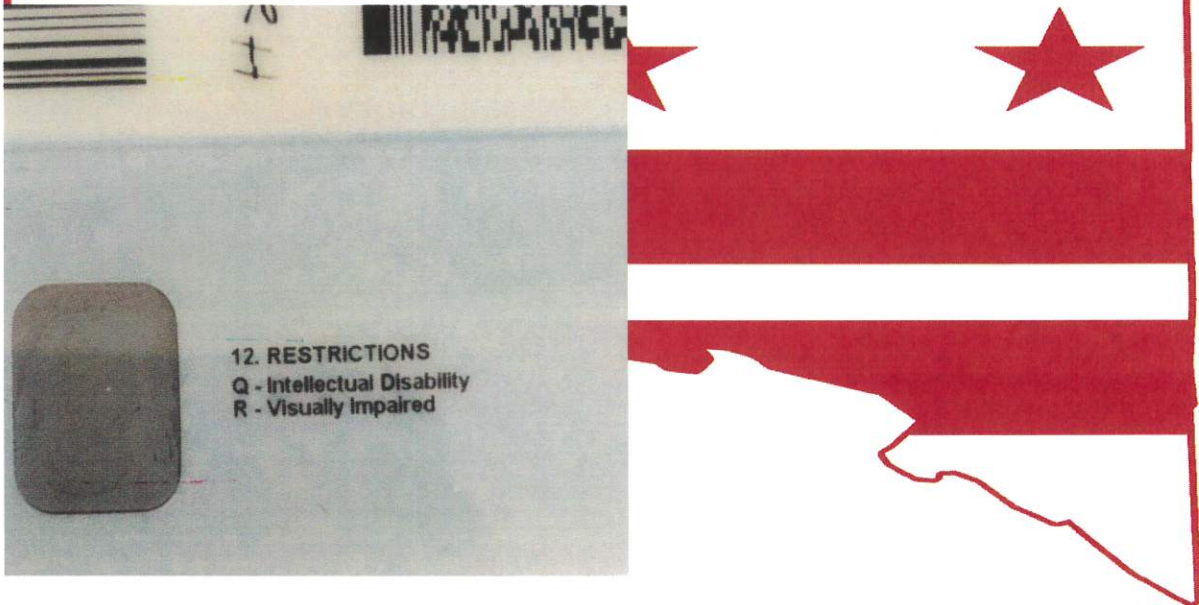


# Virginia

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## Washington D.C (District of Columbia)



## Washington State

**Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

**NEW!**

# Medical Designations

**Medical Condition**

**Developmental Disability**

**Link:**  
<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/washington-drivers-license-designations-medical-symbols-281-d5024acc-0d9-4284-8f97-4c33fe5bd981>

Jan. 1 2022, citizens who lives in washington state can choose to add one or more symbols to their ID showing they have a medical condition, developmental disability or are deaf or hard of hearing.

**Virginia Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards**  
**Medical Indicators Expanded**  
**"JP's Law"**

An applicant for a Virginia driver's license or identification card may request that one or more medical indicators be placed on their driver's license/ID card. The 2014 Virginia General Assembly amended §46.2-342 and §46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia to expand the list of medical indicators to include intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. These changes became effective July 1, 2014.

**Wording of Law**

§ 46.2-342. What license to contain; organ donor information; Uniform Donor Document

M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's driver's license that the applicant (i) is an insulin-dependent diabetic, (ii) is hearing or speech impaired, or (iii) has an intellectual disability, as defined in § 37.2-100, or autism spectrum disorder, as defined in § 38.2-3418.17.

§ 46.2-345. Issuance of special identification cards; fee; confidentiality; penalties.

A. On the application of any person who is a resident of the Commonwealth or the parent or legal guardian of any such person who is under the age of 15, the Department shall issue a special identification card to the person provided:

M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's special identification card that the applicant has any condition listed in subsection M of § 46.2-342

**DMV**

Previously, Virginia law allowed DMV customers to request a medical indicator of a hearing or speech impairment or a condition of insulin-dependent diabetes on their driver's licenses/ID cards. Effective July 1, 2014, drivers also may request that a designation of intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder be placed on their drivers' licenses and ID cards. Applicants requesting one or more of these medical indicators on their credential must present a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition.

**Appearance of driver's license or identification card**

DMV will place a restriction code of '9' on the front of the driver's license or ID card. The code is defined on the back of the license or ID card as "IntD" for intellectual disability and "ASD" for Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is consistent with the current DMV process for insulin dependent diabetics, speech impaired individuals, and hearing impaired individuals who request the application of special indicators on their credentials. This information will only display on VCIN and law enforcement transcripts.

**JP's Law**

JP's Law is the vision of Pam Mines, the parent of a son diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, and is named after him. Mrs. Mines wanted to "find a way to help law enforcement be more aware of an individual's diagnosis and they can better respond to their unique abilities and limitations." She worked with state Senator Donald McEachin and a group of local stakeholders and saw her vision become law in Virginia in 2014. Virginia is one of handful of states offering driver's licenses and ID cards with a code indicating autism.

**Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or Specialized ID Card with Medical Indicators**

To voluntarily obtain a Virginia driver's license or a specialized ID card that indicates the holder has Autism Spectrum Disorder or an intellectual disability, you must present documents and pay a fee. Required documents may include:

1. **Birth Certificate:** to prove identity and legal presence.
2. **Proof of Residency:** parents of minors may present their ID and proof of residency to certify their child's Virginia residency.

3. **Statement from a Physician:** indicating the individual applying for a Virginia driver's license or identification card has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or an Intellectual Disability.
4. **Social Security Number**
5. **Fee:** \$10 is the cost to get or have an existing ID reissued; \$20 is the cost to have a driver's license reissued with the new indicator.

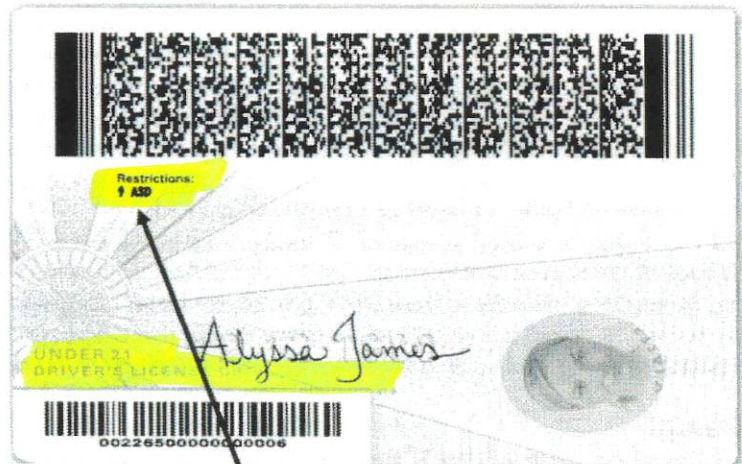
Check with your local DMV for details.

NOTE: If you are obtaining a driver's license for the first time, you must pass the standard driving tests before the medical indicator will be placed on your driver's license.

### Sample Image – Under 21 Driver's License



Restriction indicated with the number 9



Restriction 9 defined  
 ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder  
 IntD- Intellectual Disability

Source: Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2014

Sample Image – Child Identification Card



Restriction indicated with the number 9

Restriction 9 defined  
 ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder  
 IntD- Intellectual Disability



Restriction indicated with the number 9

Restriction 9 defined  
 ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder  
 IntD- Intellectual Disability





Completion of this section is requested but not required to apply for a driver's license or ID Card. (Virginia Code §2.2-3806)

INFORMATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

Mail In / DMV Connect Only - Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

YES (INITIAL BOX) [ ]

NO (INITIAL BOX) [ ]

Mail In / DMV Connect Only - Do you want to register to vote or change your voter registration address?

YES (INITIAL BOX) [ ]

NO (INITIAL BOX) [ ]

INFORMATION FOR THE VIRGINIA TRANSPLANT COUNCIL

[ ] Yes, I would like to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

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DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

LOG # [ ]

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
Post Office Box 27412
Richmond, Virginia 23269-0001
www.dmv.virginia.gov

Purpose: Use this form to apply for a driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card.

Instructions: Submit completed application to any DMV Customer Center. Complete front and back of this application.

APPLICATION TYPE

REAL ID: ID requirements for domestic air travel and access to secure federal facilities change May 7, 2025. A REAL ID meets these requirements. Would you like to apply for a REAL ID license/identification card? (Not applicable if applying for a Motorcycle Learner's Permit)

- Yes - I would like to use my license/identification card as ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after May 7, 2025.
No - I acknowledge my license/identification card will display "Federal Limits Apply" and I will need another form of ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after May 7, 2025.

- Driver's License, Learner's Permit and Driver's License, Driver's License with Motorcycle, Motorcycle Only License, Motorcycle Learner's Permit, Driver's License with School Bus Endorsement, Driver's License Testing for Foreign Diplomats, Identification (ID) Card, Hearing Impaired ID Card, Emancipated Minor ID Card.
\*Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants must complete the CDL Application (DL2P)

Motorcycle Classification

- Maintaining current Virginia Motorcycle Classification
Add, Upgrade or Transfer Motorcycle Classification or obtain Motorcycle Only License. Additional testing may be required. Check applicable box below.
M 2 (2 wheels), M 3 (3 wheels), M (both 2 and 3 wheels)

Replacement License or Identification Card (check one of the following): I am surrendering my current license or ID card. I certify I cannot surrender my current license or ID card because it is: Lost, Stolen, Destroyed

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NOTE: YOUR ADDRESS BELOW MUST BE CURRENT. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL NOT FORWARD YOUR LICENSE OR ID CARD.

Form fields for Applicant Information including: Full Legal Name, Social Security Number, Birthdate, Phone Number, Sex, Weight, Height, Eye Color, Hair Color, Street Address, Mailing Address, Email Address, Name of City or County of Residence, and various medical/condition questions.

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DMV Use Only section containing: Required Tests table (Vision, DL Road Signs Exam, DL Knowledge Exam, DL Skills, MC Knowledge, MC Skills M2, MC Skills M3), Customer Number, Transaction Type (Original, Duplicate, Reissue, Renewal), Fee, CSR Signature, and CSR Logon ID.

**OPTIONAL SPECIAL INDICATORS**

OPTIONAL - Select relevant indicators below to show on your license, permit or ID card.

**MEDICAL INDICATORS**

- Insulin-dependent diabetic\*       Speech impairment\*       Hearing impairment\*       Traumatic brain injury (DL 145 required for license or permit. A physician statement required for ID card.)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)\*       Blind or vision impairment (ID card only)\*       Intellectual disability (IntD)\*

\* Must submit required physician statement

**VETERAN INDICATOR**

Add or keep the veteran indicator on my driver's license or identification card.       Remove the veteran indicator on my driver's license or identification card.

You must complete a Virginia Veteran Military Service Certification (DL 11) form and provide an acceptable veteran service proof document to add the veteran indicator, unless you have already done so.

**BLOOD TYPE INDICATOR**

- Add or keep my blood type on my driver's license or ID card.       Remove my blood type from my driver's license or ID card.
- Select one:  A+     B+     AB+     O+  
 A-     B-     AB-     O-

The blood type designation displayed on a Virginia DMV issued credential shall not create any liability on the part of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any person or entity that takes action based on the blood type designation displayed shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to Va Code §§ 46.2-342, 46.2-345, 46.2-345.2, and 46.2-345.3.

**PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT**

Check applicable box, review certification statement, print your name and sign where indicated.

- I authorize issuance of a learner's permit/driver's license.** I certify that the applicant is a resident of Virginia. I certify that the applicant is attending school regularly and is in good academic standing, but if not, I authorize issuance of a learner's permit/driver's license. I certify that this applicant will operate a motor vehicle for at least 45 hours (15 of which will occur after sunset) while holding a learner's permit.
- If the applicant attends public school, I authorize the principal or designee of the public school attended by the applicant to notify the juvenile and domestic relations district court (within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides) when the applicant has had 10 or more unexcused absences from school on consecutive school days.
- If a Special Indicator Request is checked on this application, I request on behalf of the applicant that it be shown on the learner's permit/driver's license. I certify that the statements made and the information submitted by me are true and correct.
- I authorize issuance of an ID card.** I certify that the applicant is a resident of Virginia. If a Special Indicator Request is checked on this application, I request on behalf of the applicant that it be shown on the identification card. I certify that the statements made and the information submitted by me are true and correct.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME (print)	PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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**APPLICANT UNDER AGE 18** Have you ever been found not innocent of any offense in a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in this or any other state?  YES  NO  
If you answered YES, the court making the adjudication of "not innocent" or a court within the jurisdiction where the juvenile's parent/legal guardian resides must provide court consent below. **COURT CONSENT** In my opinion the applicant's request for a learner's permit/driver's license  should be granted.  should not be granted.

REMARKS:

JUDGE NAME (print)	JUDGE SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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**SELECTIVE SERVICE**

All males under the age of 26 are required to check one of the following. Failure to provide a response will result in denial of your application.

- I am already registered with Selective Service.
- I am a lawful non-immigrant on a current non-immigrant visa or a seasonal agricultural worker (H-2A Visa) and not required to register.
- I authorize DMV to forward to the Selective Service System personal information necessary to register me with Selective Service.

By signing this application, I consent to be registered with Selective Service, if required by federal law. If under age 18, an appropriate adult must complete and sign below: I authorize DMV to send information to Selective Service which will be used to register applicant when he is 18 years old.

SIGNATURE (check one and sign)       PARENT / GUARDIAN       JUDGE, JUVENILE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT       EMANCIPATED MINOR

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES - (Fee waiver certification)**

I certify that I am employed by the:  Commonwealth of Virginia or  City of  County of  Town of \_\_\_\_\_  
to operate a motorcycle solely in the course of this employment and, because of such employment, I am entitled to the waiver of the motorcycle class endorsement fee, provided I have paid for and hold a valid Virginia driver's license or have made application for such.

**NOTICE**

Va. Code §§46.2-323 and 46.2-342 require that you provide DMV with the information on this form (including your social security number). Your personally identifiable information is being collected for record keeping purposes and will be disseminated only in accordance with Va. Code §§46.2-208, 46.2-209, and the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 USC §2721. Persons convicted of certain sexual offenses (as listed in Va. Code §§9.1-902) must register or re-register with the Virginia Department of State Police as provided in Va. Code §§9.1-901, 9.1-903, and 9.1-904. If you provide a non-Virginia residence/home address or non-Virginia mailing address, your application for a driver's license or permit may be denied. Upon issuance of a driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card in the Commonwealth of Virginia, any driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card previously issued by another state must be surrendered and will be cancelled by the issuing state.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify and affirm that I am a resident of Virginia, that all information presented in this application is true and correct, that any documents I have presented to DMV are genuine, and that my appearance, for purpose of my DMV photograph, is a true and accurate representation of how I generally appear in public. I make this certification and affirmation under penalty of perjury and understand that making a false statement on this application is a criminal violation. By signing this form, I authorize DMV to verify the information provided on this application, as required to determine eligibility.

APPLICANT NAME (print)	APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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## ERIC'S ID LAW



### HIDDEN DISABILITIES

#### **"ERIC's ID LAW" – BUTTERFLY for HIDDEN DISABILITIES – LOGO** **Created by Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham and Linda Carpenter-Grantham**

The intent of Eric's ID Law is to create an ID that has specific logos that describe disabilities that cannot be seen and may be misinterpreted for other behaviors for example, Autism, Hearing Impairment, Mental Health issues etc. This logo on State Government IDs would be selected **VOLUNTARILY** by the person who has the invisible disability or their custodian.

The intention of the logo on the ID would be to save lives and be used to de-escalate situations that may occur when being stopped by Law Enforcement, and an individual with an invisible disability may not be able to follow the commands by **LAW ENFORCEMENT**, and so others may assist a person with an invisible disability when their ID is presented.

In many instances, the first request from **LAW ENFORCEMENT** and other in some instances other entities such as businesses/schools/colleges/libraries etc. is a request to see your Driver's License or ID. The logo would be placed on the front or back of the ID with the word that best describes the hidden disability of the individual. The key objective/outcome is that **LAW ENFORCEMENT** officers would see the Butterfly logo on the ID and approach individuals in a legal and safe manner- not harming or killing them as the ID alerts the officer or the person assisting with the ID that the situation **MUST** be handled differently. The intent is with the implementation of Eric's Law, this knowledge will be gained through communication about the law and **LAW ENFORCEMENT** and persons in public positions will be educated as to how to react or assist when encountering people with Autism, Mental Health issues, Hearing Impairment or any other **HIDDEN DISABILITY**.

The other use of the "**ERIC's ID LAW**" by **Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham** would be to use the ID with the logos in Schools, Colleges, Stores, Libraries, Hospitals, Airports and any other facility that an individual with a hidden disability may require assistance. "**ERIC's ID LAW**" is currently being evaluated in the State of Maryland with future intentions of ALL STATES upon the **BILL** being approved by congress. Our **Maryland State Senator Will C. Smith** has agreed to write the **BILL** for "**ERIC's ID LAW**". Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the **BILL** for "**ERIC's ID LAW**" please feel free to contact **Senator Will C. Smith** at [will.smith@senate.state.md.us](mailto:will.smith@senate.state.md.us)

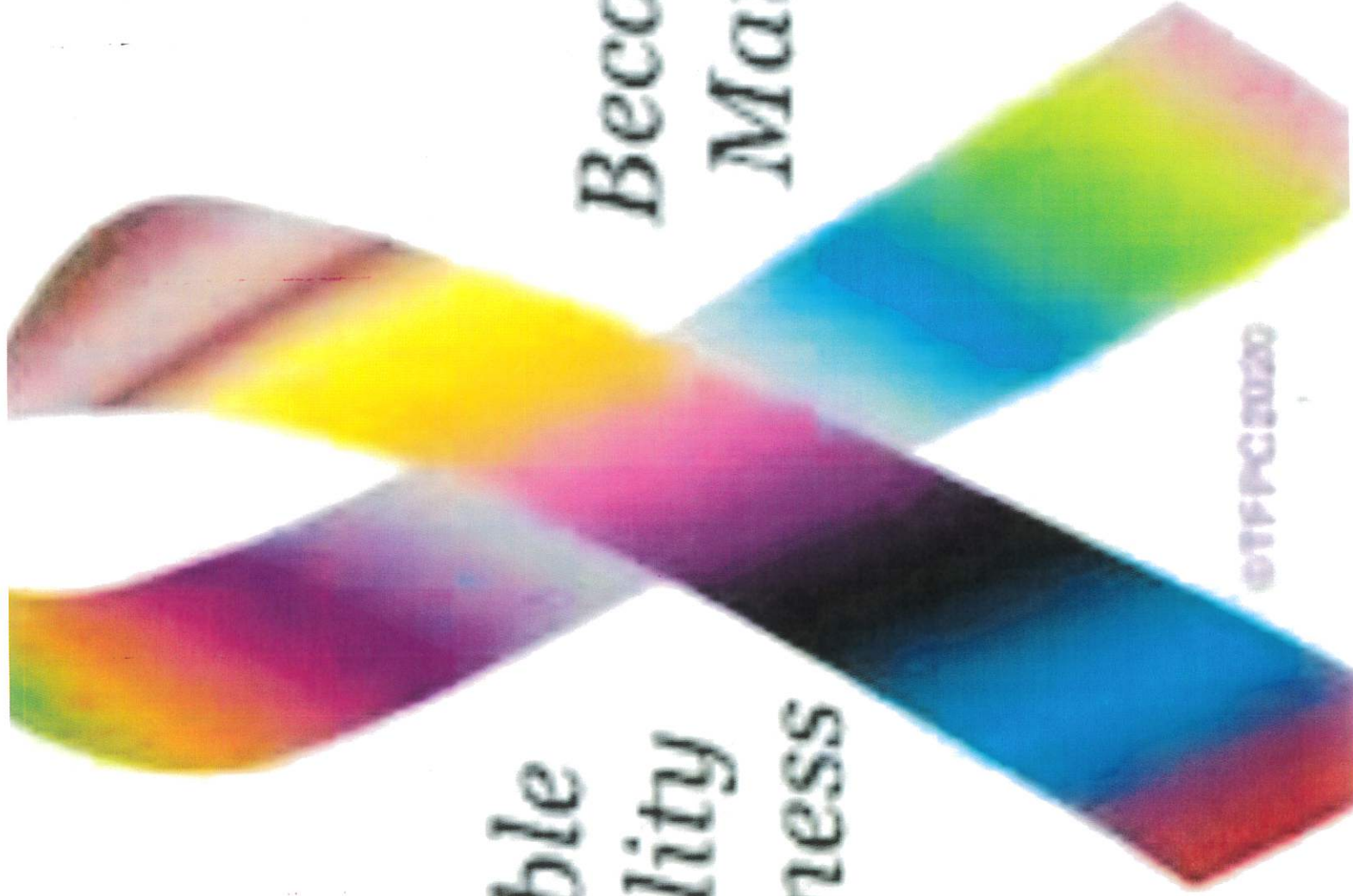
The image that is created of the **BUTTERFLY** with distinctive colorful wings with a black border framing the **BUTTERFLY** will be placed on identification. The **BUTTERFLY** symbolizes Change, hope, freedom and peace. It serves as a tool that the person(s) may have a **HIDDEN DISABILITY**. It is our hope that "**ERIC's ID LAW**" will help save lives and serve as a communication tool that will speak for those that have a silent voice.

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## For people with autism, encounters with police can turn dangerous

by Maureen Salamon, Healthday Reporter



(HealthDay)—Being stopped and questioned by a police officer can be a stressful encounter for anyone, but it is especially hazardous for those with autism.

Things can go so wrong that the person with autism winds up in jail because of miscommunications and misunderstandings. Previous research has found that an estimated 1 in 5

sessions, participants experienced four interactions with virtual police officers of two minutes apiece.

Because the study was designed to assess safety and feasibility, the researchers asked participants about side effects of using the virtual reality system. Thirteen percent experienced mild issues such as slight headache or nausea, which quickly resolved.

## Practicing interactions

Nearly all participants finished the study and 80% said they'd like to use the program again. Parish-Morris said this showed the intervention is feasible in verbally fluent adolescents and adults with autism.

"People could just get used to the idea of interacting with a police officer," she said. "One of the nice things about interacting with a police officer virtually is you can practice over and over, and [learn] that this is something that can be safe and you can get through."

But Parish-Morris noted that only those with autism who can speak fluently could participate in the research. Others had to be excluded if they'd had seizures, migraine headaches or problems with vision or balance—all of which could be triggered by using a virtual reality system.

"So unfortunately, I would like to say this would work for everyone with autism, but we don't actually think that's the case," she said.

Dr. Arun Karpur is director of data science and evaluation research at Autism Speaks, an advocacy organization based in New York City. He noted that virtual reality is emerging as a technique to help improve social and communication skills of those with ASD.

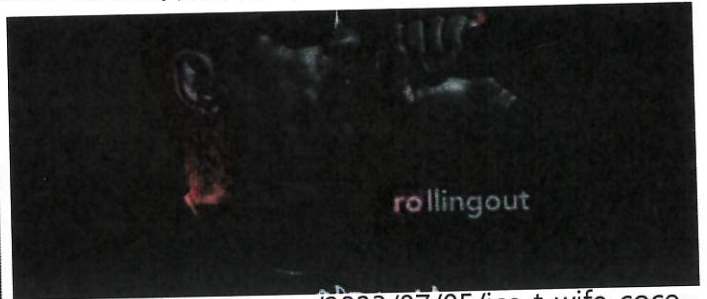
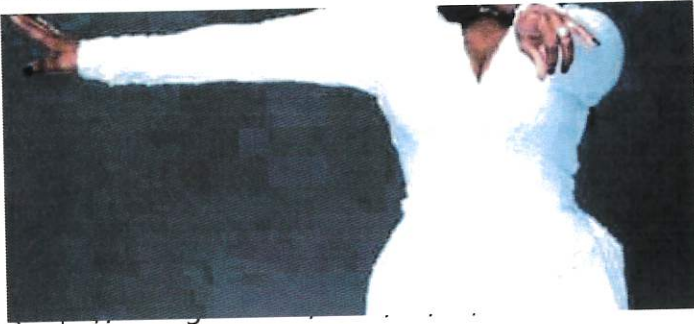
This police safety intervention offers "a real opportunity to actually interact in an environment that allows individuals with ASD to modify [their responses] and also look at scenarios that are closer to real life," Karpur said. "In that sense, this is exciting research, and overall, virtual reality has a lot of promise."

## Police need better training too

Karpur and Parish-Morris agreed that police officers aren't always well-trained in interacting with people with autism.

But "all of us need to have better understanding of the needs of those with ASD and be responsive to those needs," Karpur said.





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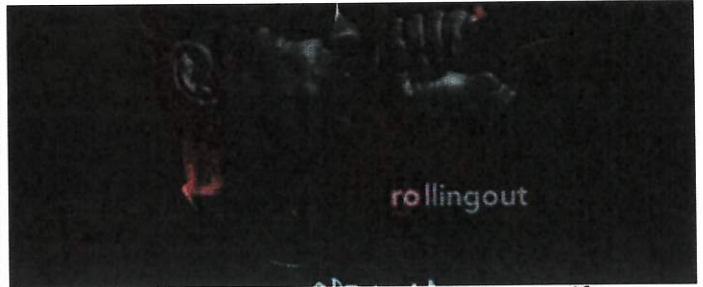
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# Parents of Black autistic sons share their stories after tragic encounters with police

Only eight states offer police training for autistic individuals.

By [Deborah Kim](#), [Lisa Zobel](#), [Lauren DiMundo](#), and [Ivan Pereira](#)  
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The intersection of policing, race, and autism has the potential to result in tragic outcomes.

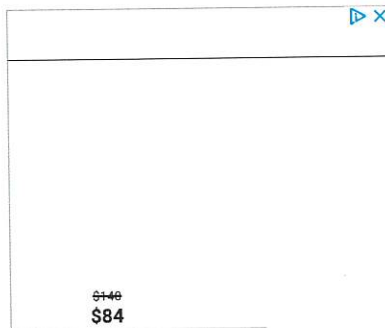
Black Americans are two to three times more likely to be killed by cops than white Americans, according to [police data](#). Some of the hallmarks of autism - a developmental disability that millions of Americans have been diagnosed with - can further complicate interactions with police.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [autism](#) can create challenges in social interactions, communication, and behavior.



Lavern Rushin  
ABC News

"I truly believe that the petitions and the posts [and] just everything was brought up because he's a Black autistic young man that was wrongfully prosecuted," Lavern Rushin said.



Matthew Rushin is still considered a felon and barred from driving and from contacting any of his victims or their families. He and his mother are now seeking a full pardon, saying that his felony conviction makes it harder for him to get a job.

The family of one of his victims, George Cusick, is strongly opposed to Matthew Rushin receiving a full pardon.

George Cusick, one of the victims in the crash, was so badly injured he'll never walk, talk, or feed himself again, and needs 24-hour care, according to his family. Cusick's family maintains that Matthew was suicidal when the crash took place.

"Matthew Rushin should not have been driving that night. He should never drive again. The parole restrictions must remain in place to protect him and the public," Cusick's wife Danna told "Nightline."



Sylvester and Iyun Osagie  
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Ozaze Osagie also had schizophrenia and at times his parents had asked the police for help.

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"We actually thought they understood because they knew his situation," Sylvester Osagie said.

As a young adult, Ozaze Osagie had been living in a residential program with his peers. He found comfort in the structure, like many people with autism.

"He liked a pattern of activities," Sylvester Osagie said. "But when he was not in that structured environment, the level of discouragement and anxiety was overwhelming. And that's when he got off his medication and his situation would just spiral."



Sleepy Hollow Police Officer Wendy Yancy leaves her home with her son James.

ABC News

Sleepy Hollow, New York, Police Officer Wendy Yancy is working to find ways to improve outcomes between the autism community and police. It's personal for her as she has a young son who is autistic.

She attended a training session for law enforcement on working with autistic individuals two years ago.

"This type of training should be given to police departments as a whole, not just a select few," Yancy said.

Only eight states require law enforcement to receive training specifically related to autism, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Yancy is now implementing a new program she created for her department that allows families to voluntarily provide authorities with information about the needs of an autistic individual so first responders know what to do and not do in an emergency.

"For example, if it's noise sensitivity, we would know because you would put it in here, that we have to tell officers to arrive with the sirens off, and then this way he's not triggered or upset," Yancy told a parent at a recent event.

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## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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# Data & Statistics on Autism Spectrum Disorder

## Prevalence

- About 1 in 36 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network. [\[Read article\]](#)
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. [\[Read article\]](#)
- ASD is nearly 4 times more common among boys than among girls. [\[Read article\]](#)
- About 1 in 6 (17%) children aged 3–17 years were diagnosed with a developmental disability, as reported by parents, during a study period of 2009–2017. These included autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, blindness, and cerebral palsy, among others. [\[Read summary\]](#)

### Identified Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder

ADDM Network 2000–2020 Combining Data from All Sites

Surveillance Year	Birth Year	Number of ADDM Sites Reporting	Combined Prevalence per 1,000 Children (Range Across ADDM Sites)	This is about 1 in X children
2020	2012	11	27.6 (23.1–44.9)	1 in 36
2018	2010	11	23.0 (16.5–38.9)	1 in 44
2016	2008	11	18.5 (18.0–19.1)	1 in 54
2014	2006	11	16.8 (13.1–29.3)	1 in 59
2012	2004	11	14.5 (8.2–24.6)	1 in 69
2010	2002	11	14.7 (5.7–21.9)	1 in 68
2008	2000	14	11.3 (4.8–21.2)	1 in 88
2006	1998	11	9.0 (4.2–12.1)	1 in 110



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# Black autistic teen and sister attacked by police (video)



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A 14-year-old Black (<https://rollingout.com/2022/04/25/first-independence-bank-to-host-grand-opening-celebration-in-the-twin-cities/>) teen with autism was attacked by New York (<https://rollingout.com/2022/04/13/new-york-shooting-suspect-frank-james-has-been->



ethical, moral behavior. This is about the way you handled a child with autism after you were told. You became more violent as if humanity didn't matter in the first place.”



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