

Sheriff Uy Letter Supporting SB 1096(2024) -- Eric

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March 4, 2024

Senator William Smith, Jr.
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 1096 – Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards and Moped
Operator's Permits – Identification of Nonapparent Disability

Dear Senator Smith,

I am writing to both express and offer my support for the proposed “Eric’s ID Law” that we expect will assist in the identification of individuals with nonapparent disabilities. My understanding is that such nonapparent disabilities covered by the legislation may include everything from discrete conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, hearing impairments and autism to broader categorical conditions such as intellectual, developmental and mental health disabilities generally. As a law enforcement leader, I recognize the potential for tragic results that always exists when a misunderstanding occurs in communication between public safety professionals and individuals who may have physical, mental, and/or neurological conditions that are not immediately obvious or visible. Providing a mechanism to allow for identification of that status on individuals’ licenses and identification cards should go far to avoid such tragedies during encounters with law enforcement personnel and first responders.

The proposed law would allow individuals with nonapparent disabilities to voluntarily apply to indicate such status with a uniform notation – “ND” – on their Maryland state driver’s license or identification card. There are a host of mutual benefits in creating this identification process. Such an identifier serves to communicate that a nonapparent disability exists at a time when law enforcement or first responders are attempting to initially assess a situation whether it is a mental health crisis or simply a routine inspection. It also serves the added benefit of deescalating a situation where a lack of information may otherwise provoke tragic consequences when law enforcement or first responders are unable to understand an individual’s noncompliant behavior. Last, this legislation has the additional potential to lessen the emotional anxiety that foreseeably results when others, including law enforcement question the legitimacy of their conditions.

I applaud the efforts of Eric and Linda Carpenter-Grantham to address the safety concerns of these individuals with special needs and their interactions with law enforcement professionals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maxwell C. Uy
Sheriff

Eric B. Carpenter-Grantham - Testimony for Bill#SB

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

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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 Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham I am a 19-Year old African American male who is highly functioning autistic. I have been a Maryland citizen all of my life. I created special logos for AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

for people with invisible disabilities. Like Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and Hidden Disabilities should people with invisible disabilities be stopped by Law Enforcement.

Bill Number: SB1096

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

I would like to tell you my story about how I began "ERIC's ID LAW". When George Floyd was killed. My mother sat down with me to have a talk if I ever get stopped by the Law Enforcement. My mother told me if the police ever stop me to put my hands up! Yell out "I have Autism!" and yell out "someone call my mom!" Yell out my mother's phone number! She told me DO NOT TRY TO GRAB MY PHONE! Because the police may think I am reaching for a gun.

I said Mom! – I can do that but the police would shoot my friends. I started to cry telling my mom "WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING NOW!" My mother said – Let's think about this! My mother contacted former Chief of Police Robert J. Contee and we decided to meet with Chief Contee about doing a workshop with the police to teach people about autism/invisible disabilities.

I went to my mom and asked her to please take me to congress to meet with the former House Speaker, Mrs. Nancy Pelosi. I wanted to talk with her about my ideas for laws for people like me and my friends that have autism, brain injury, bipolar, hearing impaired and other hidden disabilities. My mother told me she is very proud of me and she would do her best to get me to congress so I can tell them about my ideas for laws.

We met with Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando, Evan Glass, Kate Stewart, Andrew Friedson, Dawn Luedtke, Prince George's County State's Attorney, Aisha Braveboy, Mayor Casheena Cross of Glenarden Maryland, Prince George's County Sheriff John Carr, Montgomery County Sheriff Maxwell Uy, Montgomery County Chief of Police Marcus Jones, Senator, Chris Van Hollen, Delegate Kym Taylor, Delegate Lesley Lopez, Senator Nick Charles, Senator Michael Jackson, Congressman David Trone, President Darryll Pines of UMD and Montgomery College. ALL of these people Approved of AKA "ERIC's ID LAW - **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

On July 10, 2023 me and my mother met with our Maryland State Senator Will C. Smith. I told him about my concerns. If I ever get stopped by the police, I may not be able to communicate well when they tell me what to do. I told him about my friends that have autism and their autism is different for each one of my friends. One of my friends I am really concerned about his autism because it is very different and I am worried about his safety. Because if the police ever stop him, he would run and hide because he is scared. You cannot tell when you look at him that he has autism. I don't want the police to hurt him. I don't want my other friends that have autism to be scared and run because the police may hurt them.

*This is when I told my mother I wanted to put logos for autism, mental health, hearing impaired and hidden disabilities on the ID and driver license. Because when the police stop someone with an invisible disability this may make it safer for the person that has an invisible disability. When I told my story to Senator Will C. Smith has said to me and mother that he is going to write the BILL for aka "ERIC's ID LAW". **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)***

*I would like to ask that this Law have the **OPTION FOR VOLUNTARY SELECTION**. Because I have researched that more people of color are more likely to be diagnosed with hidden disability than Caucasian people. According to Autism Speaks, Disabled individuals are seven times more likely than others to interact with police, and 53% of autistic adults in 2019 study reported having four or more interactions with police in their lifetime.*

I hope "ERIC's ID LAW" will save lives for every race. It's not just about black people it's for ALL PEOPLE! I have noticed that some people that are NOT OF COLOR have tried to oppose this BILL. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY? This is a VOLUNTARY SELECTION! I wish we could ALL work together to save lives for people with invisible disabilities.

There are 11-States that have something on their ID's for people with invisible disabilities. Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, Washington State.

*I would like to ask ALL the State Senators and House of Delegates from the bottom of my heart to please pass **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)** Because we need change. If things don't change people with invisible disabilities will continue to be hurt and killed.*

*If this **BILL for SB1096-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)** is passed we would like to use the **BUTTERFLY for HIDDEN DISABILITIES on the MARYLAND STATE ID.***

I have attached examples of "ERIC's ID LAW" logos on Dummy ID's. I have also attached statistics about people of color with autism and invisible disabilities being stopped by police. Me and my mother have submitted letters of support from the public to Senator Will C. Smith's Office.

PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGE TO SAVE LIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM AND INVISIBLE DISABILITIES. Kind regards

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



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) [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)

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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.



APPROVED

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



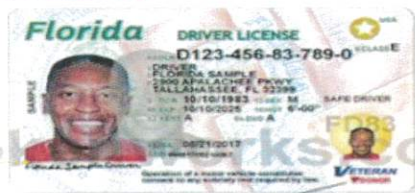
Link:

<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



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

Link:

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

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 OCGA §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 Less, 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/how-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.

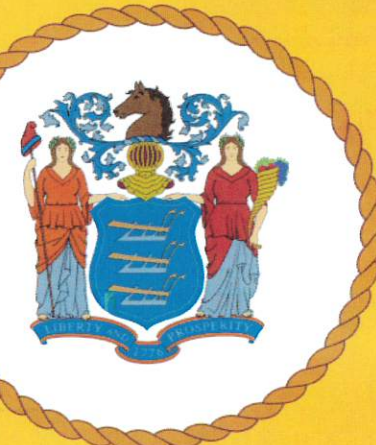
New Jersey

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

247-C-439
(Rev. 6/2017)

Section 1 - General Consensus Medical System Information
Pursuant to SC Code §46-1-80, you may provide the SCDMV with up to three medical conditions that will be noted by a consensus medical system developed on the basis of your non-commercial SC driver's permit, driver's license, or identification card.
The consensus medical system will not be placed on commercial learner's permits (CLP), or commercial driver's licenses (CDLs).
The medical condition(s) used by police, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital personnel, the Medical Advisory Board pursuant to SC Code §46-1-221, and permitted entities pursuant to the Ocular Etiology Prevention Act "O.E.P.A." §2121.
The SCDMV will not use the information you provide on this form to start any review of your fitness to drive. If a review of your fitness to drive occurs due to other triggers, then 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: _____
SC Driver's License, Identification Card or Learner's Permit Number: _____
Other County Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
I certify that the information is true and correct, and I understand that I am requesting an SC driver's permit, driver's license, or identification card based on the information provided on the accompanying Application for a Beginner's Permit, Driver's License, or Identification Card (Form 447-PAC) which will also reflect any voluntary disclosure of selected medical conditions. Further, if I am disclosing medical conditions in Section Four, I authorize my licensed physician contact herein to receive the information requested in Section Four to the SCDMV.
Signature of Applicant _____ Printed Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Section 3 - Disclosing Medical Conditions and Adding, Removing, or Revising Medical Conditions on File
 Disclose one or more medical conditions/add conditions to your card. (Requires Physician's Signature in Section 4)
 Remove medical conditions previously disclosed. If you remove all medical conditions, this disclosure will also be removed. I wish to remove the following medical conditions (list below): _____

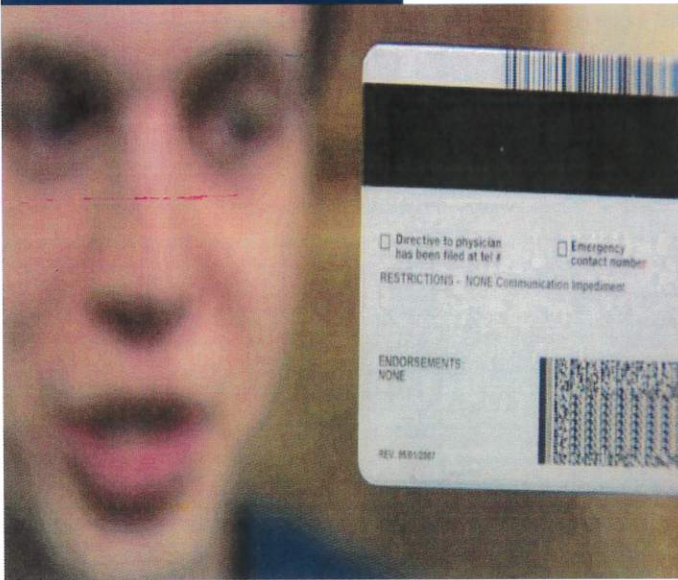
Section 4 - Physician's Statement
A physician licensed in the State as defined in Chapter 47, Title 40 must complete the following section. Completing this section means that the applicant has the selected medical condition(s). This is only for the voluntary disclosure of medical condition(s) to the SCDMV. The SCDMV will add a disclosure to the applicant's card if you sign below.
MEDICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY AN LICENSED PHYSICIAN
This is to certify that _____ (Printed Name of Applicant) _____ (Date of Birth) _____ has been diagnosed with the following medical condition(s):
 Alzheimer's Cancer Emphysema Hematoma Neuroimmune Condition Seizure
 Anemia COPD Epilepsy Hemophilia Neurological Disorder Stroke/CVA
 Asthma Depression Eye Disorder Infection Disease Parkinson's Disease Stroke
 Brain Injury Diabetes Heart Disease Mental Illness Blood Failure Trauma's Syndrome
I certify that I am a Licensed Physician. SC Physician License Number: _____ Physician Office Phone Number: _____
Print 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.

[Preview attachment 447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
[447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
215 KB

Texas

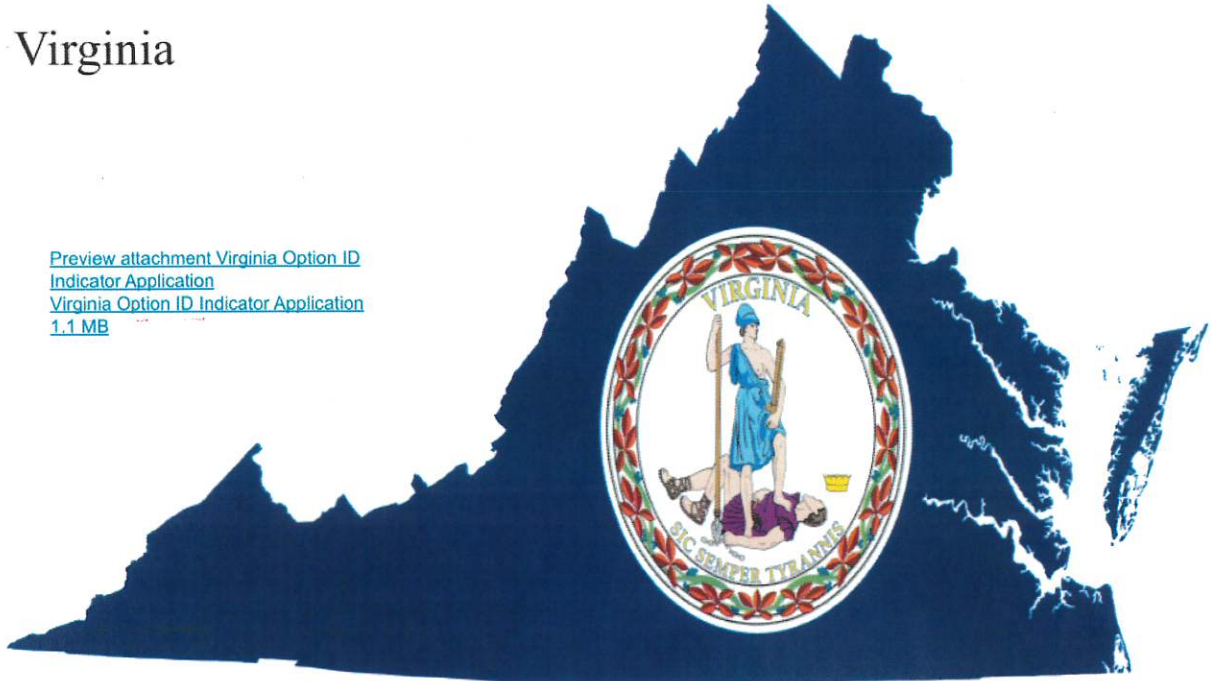


Link: <https://wrongplanet.net/forums/vi/ewtopic.php?t=352455>

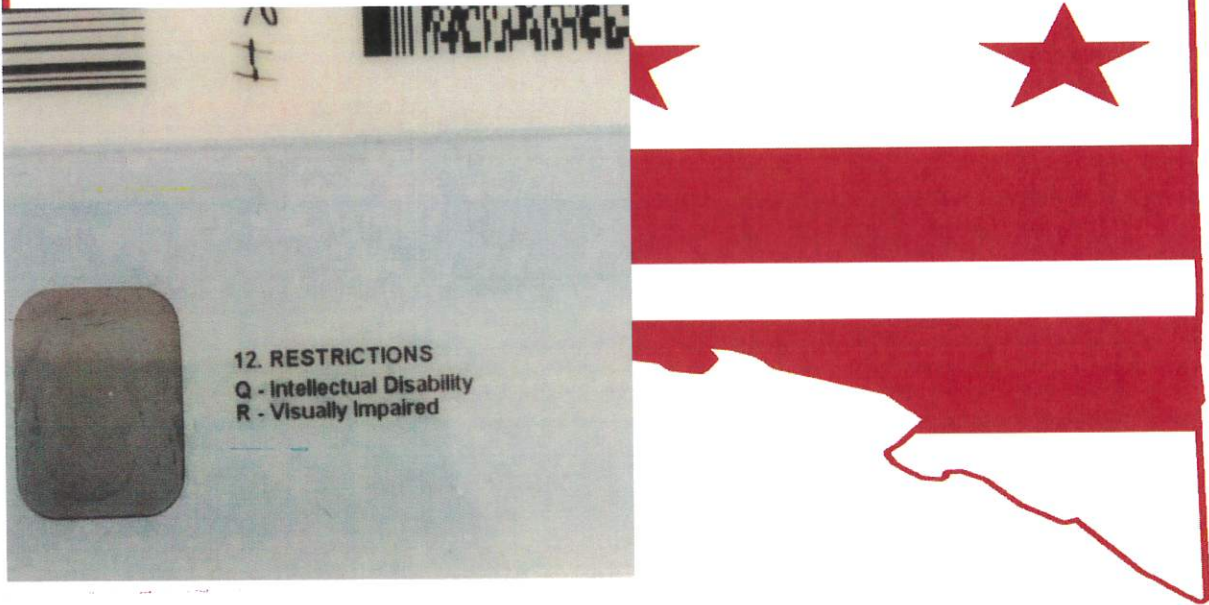
Link: <https://www.aspergers101.com/driving-autism-communication-impediments>

Virginia

[Preview attachment Virginia Option ID Indicator Application](#)
[Virginia Option ID Indicator Application](#)
1.1 MB



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-d5024ace-f9d9-4284-8197-4c33fe5bd981>

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.

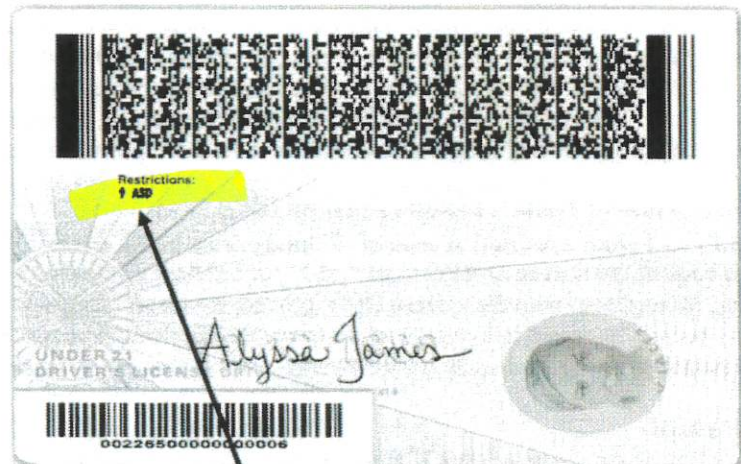
Check with your local DMV for details.

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



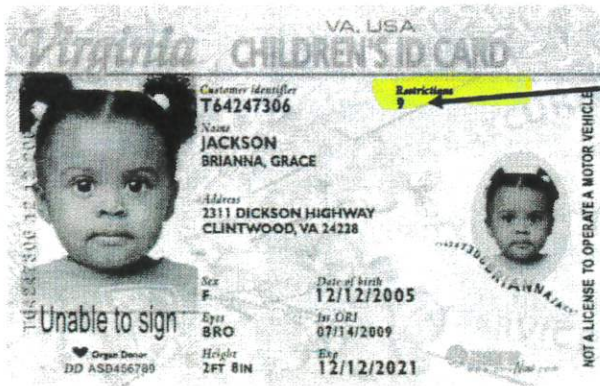
Restriction indicated with the number 9



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
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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.

DL 1P (10/25/2023)



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

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

LOG # []

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. View the documents you'll need at dmvNOW.com/REALID or ask for a brochure.

[] 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 Full Legal Name, Social Security Number, Birthdate, Phone Number, Sex, Weight, Height, Eye Color, Hair Color, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Mailing Address, Email Address, Name of City or County of Residence.

- 1. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses to operate a motor vehicle?
2. Do you have a physical or mental condition which requires that you take medication?
3. Have you ever had a seizure, blackout, or loss of consciousness?
4. Do you have a physical condition which requires you to use special equipment to drive?
5. Has your license or privilege to drive ever been suspended, revoked, or disqualified in this state or elsewhere?

If you answered YES to any of the above provide an explanation here.

Do you currently have or have you ever held a license, ID card or learner's permit? [] Yes [] No
If yes, provide the following: LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER, ISSUE DATE, EXPIRATION DATE, STATE/COUNTRY

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Table with columns: REQUIRED TESTS (VISION, DL ROAD SIGNS EXAM, DL KNOWLEDGE EXAM, DL SKILLS, MC KNOWLEDGE, MC SKILLS M2, MC SKILLS M3), PASS, FAIL, CUSTOMER NUMBER, TRANSACTION TYPE (ORIGINAL, REISSUE, DUPLICATE, RENEWAL), FEE, CSR SIGNATURE, 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)
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? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> should be granted. <input type="checkbox"/> should not be granted.		
REMARKS:		
JUDGE NAME (print)	JUDGE SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

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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disability
awareness*

*Because
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Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles Testimony SB1096.

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Position: FAV



COUNCILMEMBER LAURIE-ANNE SAYLES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AT LARGE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 5, 2024

TO: Senator Will Smith
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Laurie-Anne Sayles
Montgomery County Councilmember At-Large

RE: Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits
Identification of Nonapparent Disability

I am writing to support [SB1096](#), *Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits Identification of Nonapparent Disability*. This legislation would allow individuals with disabilities to voluntarily disclose their disability (such as hearing impairment or autism) with an icon on their Maryland driver's license or identification card to inform first responders and police officers of their condition. It would help raise awareness and ensure first responders are prepared to interact with Marylanders with "invisible disabilities."

I commend Eric Carpenter-Grantham and his mother, Linda Carpenter-Grantham, for their exemplary advocacy for "Eric's ID Law". Eric and Linda brought this critical issue to the attention of elected officials and media outlets across the state. They have fought tirelessly to introduce this legislation and advocate for its passage. I implore the Judicial Proceedings Committee to support this legislation to ensure that all Marylanders, regardless of their disability status, feel safe and adequately cared for by their communities and first responders.

In conclusion, I strongly support SB1096, or "Eric's ID Law," and urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to give this legislation a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

Laurie-Anne Sayles,
Montgomery County Councilmember At-Large

MD Bill - SB - Eric Law.pdf

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March 4, 2024

Dear Maryland Legislators:

It is with great pleasure that the Prince George's County NAACP come before you in support of SB-1096-Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability. Generally speaking, a differently-abled person is someone who, due to a long-term impairment in physical, hearing, seeing, cognitive, mental, or emotional abilities, has substantial limitations in one or more major life activities. Disability, however, occurs on a continuum and there is no clearly defined line between those who have a physical disability and an invisible disability. Because of this, there are times when a lay person, unfamiliar with an invisible differently-able person's distinctive behavior, may make a decision to the detriment of the invisible differently-abled party. As a civil rights organization it is our mission to help promote, safeguard, and protect the civil and constitutional rights of all people.

The purpose of this bill is to secure additional support from the legislative body in order to safeguard differently-abled citizens of Maryland. Adding a simple logo to an official document is a negligible expense for the State. In our opinion, including a volunteer symbol on a Maryland driver's license is an optional act that does not contribute to discrimination. On the other hand, our stance is that companies or businesses that would use this symbol to discriminate by raising prices or excluding individuals from activities or events is unacceptable and unlawful. Adding a symbol to one's driver's license guarantees its authenticity.

Finally, it is estimated that between 40-57 million people in the United States have disabilities, accounting for approximately 13-20 percent of the population. I believe making a small change to help keep some of our differently-abled citizens safe and protected is what our government is all about.

Respectfully Submitted for the Children,

Linda Thornton Thomas, President

Linda K. Carpenter-Grantham - Testimony for BILL#S

Uploaded by: Linda Carpenter-Grantham

Position: FAV

March 4, 2024

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

Linda K. Carpenter-Grantham (Mother of Eric Blessed Carpenter Grantham)

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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

Linda Kim Carpenter-Grantham

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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

 **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 

550004DAE

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

 **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	

VETERAN 

550004DAE

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

 **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	

VETERAN 

550004DAE

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

 **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 

550004DAE

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.

[CDC Report Shows Overall and Maryland Autism Rate ...](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...)

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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%

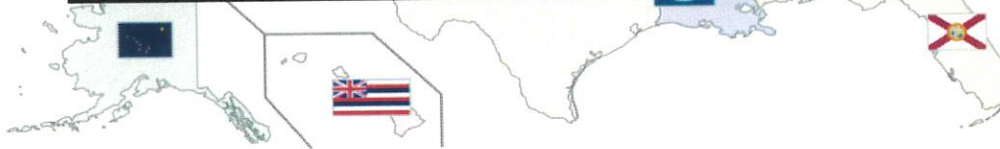
[Report reveals who gets stopped by cops in California Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)
<https://www.latimes.com> › california › newsletter › ped...

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.



APPROVED

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

Colorado



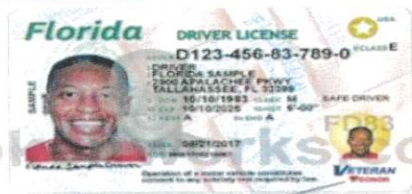
Link:

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

Link:

<https://invisible disabilities.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
- 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...
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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

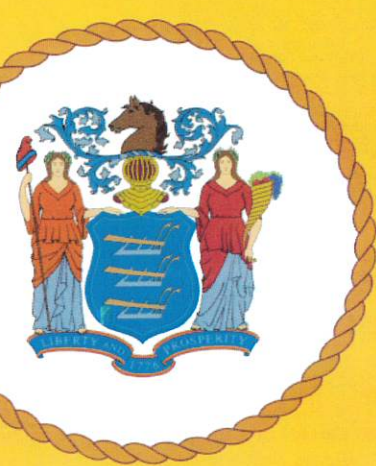
The legislation, S761, allows people to indicate that they have a communication disorder on their license or government identification card. "This law is a victory for people with autism and their families," Murphy said in a statement after he signed the bill into law Monday. May 18, 2023

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...

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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 on an SCDMV form.

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: _____
 Adrenal's Cancer Emphysema Hepatitis Neurological Condition Seizures
 Anemia COPD Epilepsy Hemiparesis Neurological Disorder Stroke Cell
 Asthma Depression Eye Disorder Infectious Disease Parkinson's Disease Stroke
 Brain Injury Diabetes Heart Disease Mental Stress Renal Failure Transient's Syndrome
 I certify that I am a Licensed Physician. My 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.

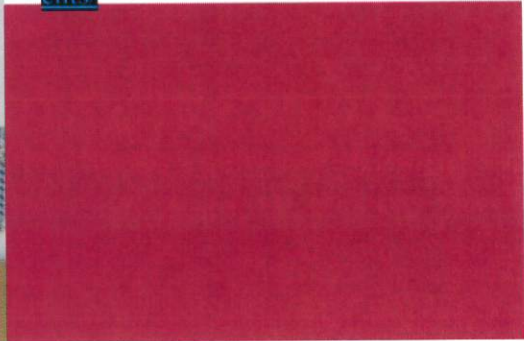
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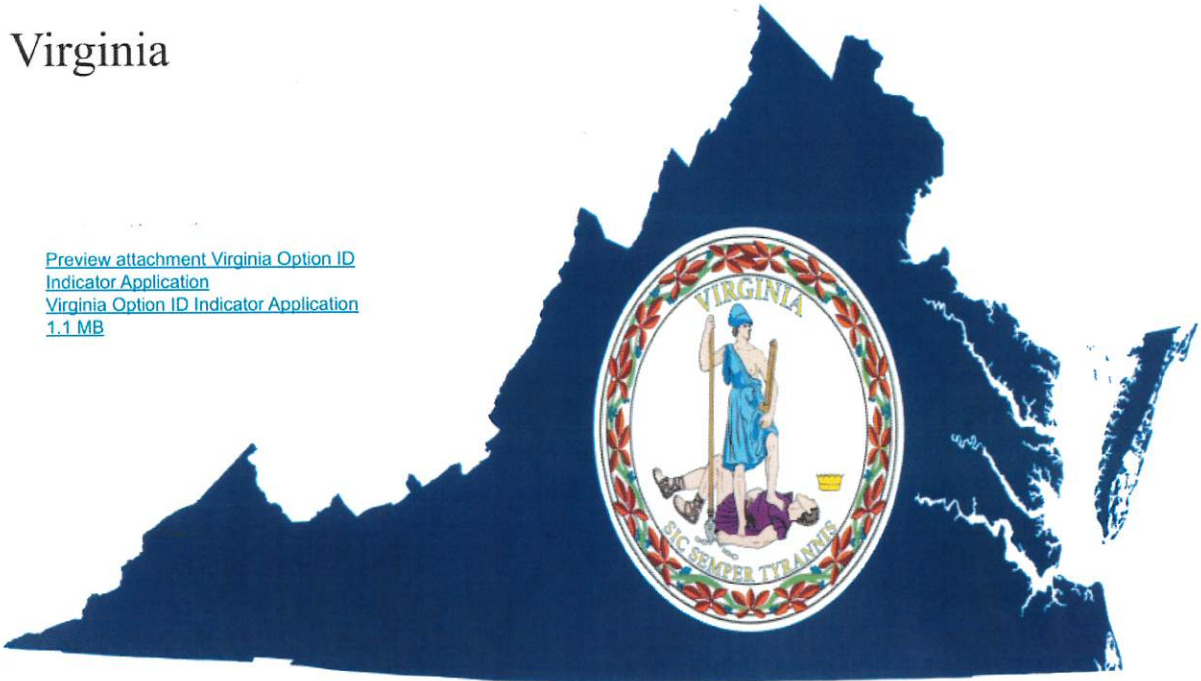
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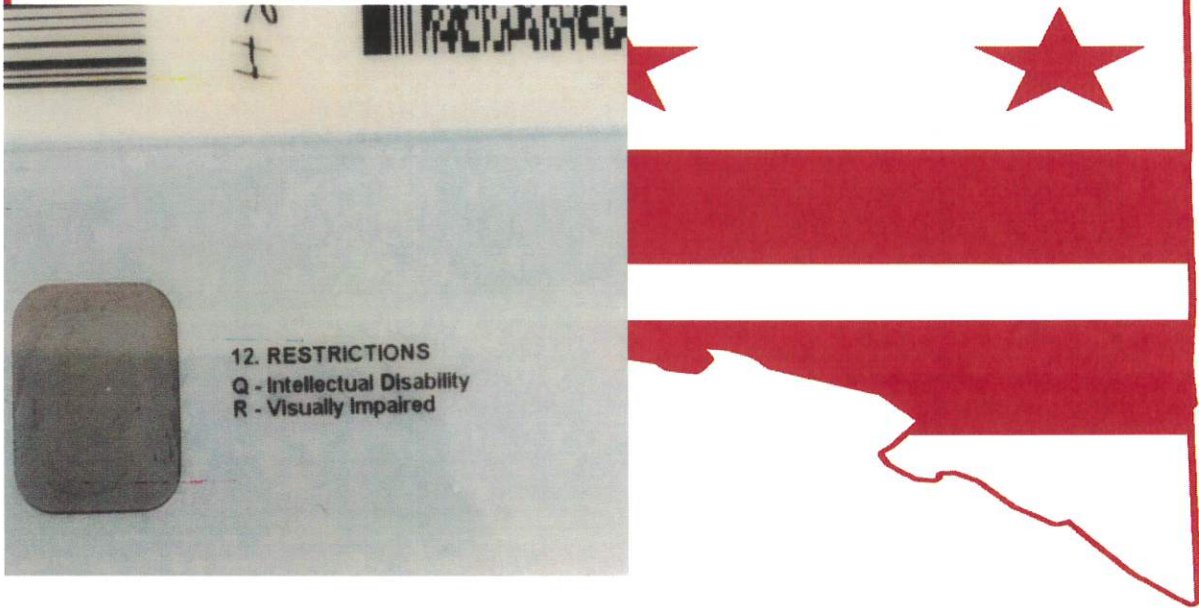


Virginia

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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.

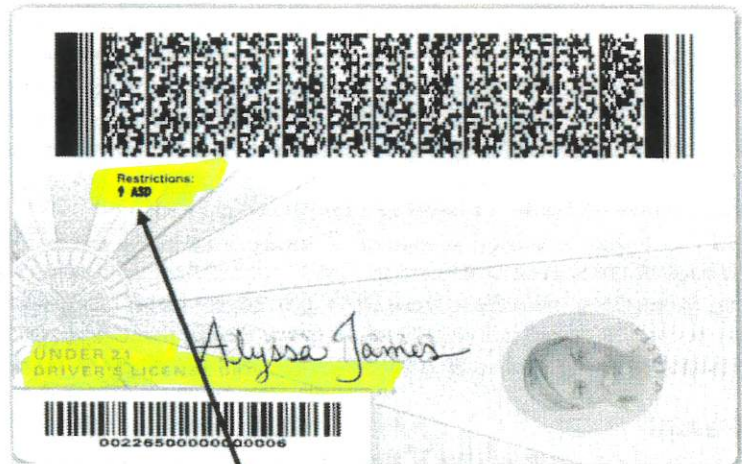
Check with your local DMV for details.

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

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 ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
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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.

DL 1P (10/25/2023)



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 and driving history questions.

FOR DMV USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Form fields for DMV Use Only including: Required Tests (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

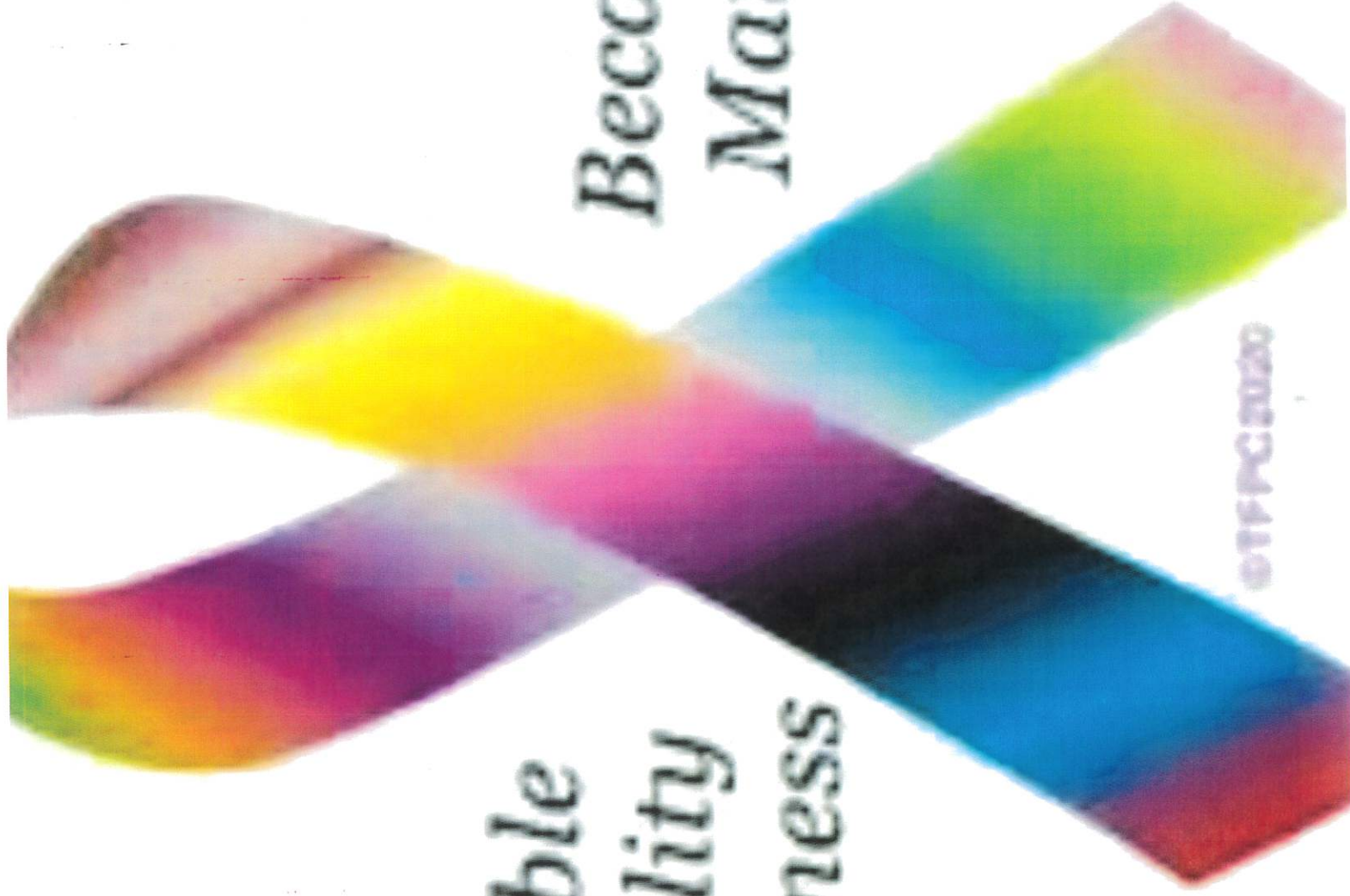
The image that is created of the **BUTTERFLY** with distinctive colorful wings with a black border framing the **BUTTERFLY** will be placed on identification. The **BUTTERFLY** symbolizes Change, hope, freedom and peace. It serves as a tool that the person(s) may have a **HIDDEN DISABILITY**. It is our 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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Home / Autism spectrum disorders

 MAY 3, 2019

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.

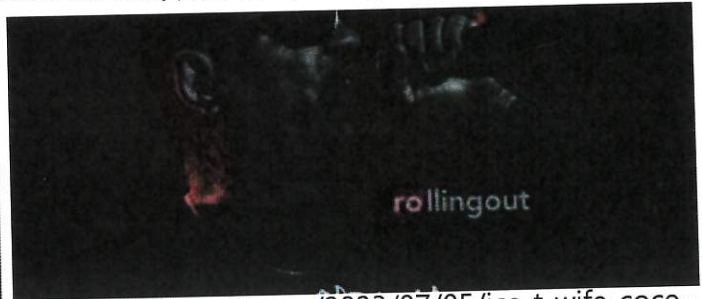
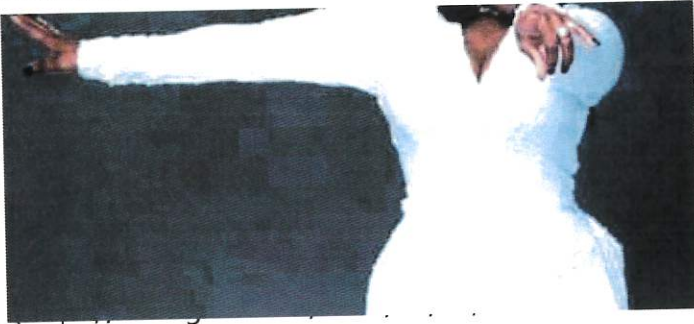
Dr. Arun Karpur is director of data science and evaluation research at Autism Speaks, an advocacy organization based in New York City. He noted that virtual reality is emerging as a technique to help improve social and communication skills of those with ASD.

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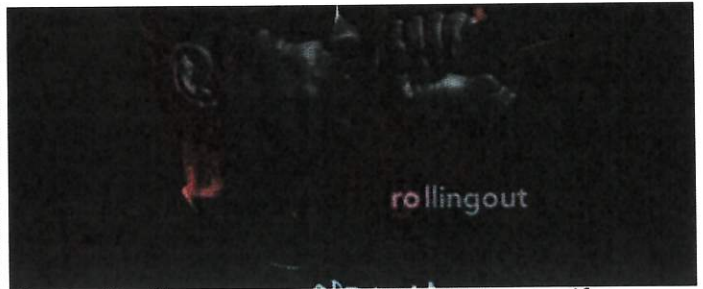
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Parents of Black autistic sons share their stories after tragic encounters with police

Only eight states offer police training for autistic individuals.

By [Deborah Kim](#), [Lisa Zobel](#), [Lauren DiMundo](#), and [Ivan Pereira](#)
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America This Morning

The intersection of policing, race, and autism has the potential to result in tragic outcomes.

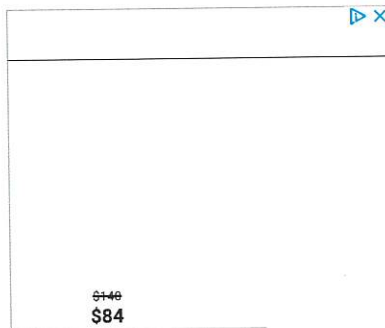
Black Americans are two to three times more likely to be killed by cops than white Americans, according to [police data](#). Some of the hallmarks of autism - a developmental disability that millions of Americans have been diagnosed with - can further complicate interactions with police.

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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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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March 4, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Jeff Waldstreicher
Vice Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Dear Chair and Vice Chair,

I write to express my full support for *Senate Bill 1096 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)*, a piece of legislation inspired by 19-year old Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham.

Mr. Carpenter-Grantham is an adult Marylander with autism who has created special logos to be placed onto identification for people with invisible disabilities - disabilities like autism, mental health conditions, deafness or hearing loss, and more.

During intense and fast moving emergency situations, or even in an everyday setting, people with invisible disabilities may have difficulty communicating with law enforcement, first responders, or other community members when they need assistance. This proposed legislation would allow Marylanders with invisible disabilities to voluntarily elect to have a marker put on their driver's license or identification card so public safety officials can be more informed when working to ensure everyone's safety.

In speaking with Mr. Carpenter-Grantham and his mother, Linda Carpenter-Grantham, I know this legislation will positively impact many people across the state. I strongly support *Senate Bill 1096 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)* and hope to see this bill become law during the 2024 Maryland General Assembly session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone

Member of Congress

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SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

March 5, 2024

SB 1096: Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Identification of Nonapparent Disability

Position: Support with Amendments

The Arc Maryland is the largest statewide advocacy organization dedicated to the rights and quality of life of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Our Governmental Affairs Committee meets weekly during the Legislative Session, and is co-chaired by Tony Zanfordino, father of a young man with Down syndrome, and Dorothy Plantz, mother of an autistic adult. The committee has discussed the merits of this legislation and expressed both potentially beneficial aspects of/and concerns with creating a voluntary program to identify ND (Nonapparent Disability) on Maryland MVA cards. We understand why some individuals with nonapparent disabilities and some families may want this option for themselves or their loved ones, however, The Arc Maryland Governmental Affairs Committee raised concerns about police training and accountability, ensuring personal choice is honored to allow a person to add or remove the designation at any time for any reason, and receiving assurances from the MVA that a choice to voluntarily add the ND designation to an MVA card will not be used in determinations for Medical advisory board review requirements.

We request the following amendments to the bill:

1. Add requirements for police training and accountability.

Adding an ND designation to an MVA card will not automatically result in better outcomes for people with nonapparent disabilities in encounters with police. The Ethan Saylor Alliance was created from a bill passed in 2015, aimed at providing increased training for members of law enforcement and other public service employees on the specific, and somewhat specialized needs of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Under the program, self-advocates take the lead in training that educates and informs members of law enforcement and first responders about what they may encounter in the line of duty when interacting with a person with developmental disabilities. Unfortunately,

the appropriation to fund the ESA has stagnated. More funding and support for the program are needed to ensure law enforcement receive essential training to assist them in their understanding about people with developmental disabilities, some of whom have nonapparent disabilities. As one of our members expressed, "it is my greatest fear that my loved one is going to see police, initially run, then reach into their pocket to produce a card they think will protect them, and be harmed. Police need to be trained on this possible circumstance and be held accountable for their actions.

2. Ensure a person is able to remove the notation from the card, and an indication of the notation from the MVA system at any time, for any reason.

Through conversations with employees of the MVA, we understand the current MVA system to add notations to an individual's MVA card would create an electronic record. Further, it is our understanding that information provide by an individual about their disability will be forever stored in the system once collected, and may not be completely purged. This is important when considering whether this legislation should be open to all people or just adults who can make decisions about what they want on their permanent MVA record.

We strongly recommend consideration be given to strengthen the awareness of the Blue Card law which already requires the Maryland MVA to provide voluntary Developmental Disability Self-Disclosure Cards to people upon request. These blue cards may be used by someone with a developmental disability to self-disclose a disability to police. The individual keeps their blue cards with their government issued ID or license. On one side of the card, the person can include information they want law enforcement to know about them and their disability, such as but not limited to whether they use words to communicate, have slow reaction/response time, or have sensitivities to sound, touch, etc. The MVA has these cards available upon request and has been expanding its awareness campaign of the available option for Marylanders with disabilities. The use of these cards does not create an electronic record of voluntary disability disclosure as SB 1096 would do.

3. Require MVA to ensure the information disclosed by a person to obtain an ND notation is not used as a basis for referring the individual to the Medical Advisory Board.

Through previous conversations with the MVA, we understand the placement of an ND designation on a driver's license could be used as the basis for a referral to the Medical Advisory Board. This could trigger the requirement to have a physician recertify the ability of the individual to drive periodically. The presence of a nonapparent disability should not automatically flag a person for this level of scrutiny. Therefore, it is important this bill include that the Motor Vehicle Administration shall not use the information disclosed by a person as a basis for referring the person to the Medical Advisory Board.

The amendments are important to our members to ensure health and safety, prevent stigma, and protect against targeted victimization. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and encourage a favorable report of SB 1096, with the adoption of these amendments.

For more information, please contact

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Sincerely,

Anthony J Zanfordino

ArcMD Governmental Affairs- Co-Chair

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Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

March 5, 2024

SB 1096: Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator’s Permits – Identification of Nonapparent Disability

Position: Support with Amendments

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (Council) creates change to make it possible for people with developmental disabilities to live the lives they want with the support they need. The Council is led by a diverse group of people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities.

The Council seeks to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have the same rights, opportunities, choices, and protections as other citizens. We absolutely prioritize the need for people with developmental disabilities to be protected and respected by law enforcement. In fact, our Five-Year State Plan that guides our work, includes two objectives and a variety of activities to support that priority.

There are many strong and diverse opinions about this issue and this bill among people with developmental disabilities and their families. Arguments range from the identification of a disability on a license or identification card will protect people with disabilities by providing necessary information to law enforcement during interactions with people with disabilities, to the deeply held belief that it is not possible to ensure adequate protections or safety for people with disabilities without more training and accountability for law enforcement.

Therefore, the Council can only support SB 1096 which allows a person to indicate a nonapparent disability on their license, government identification, or moped operator’s permit **IF the following amendments are included:**

- 1. Ensure a person has the ability to remove the indication from a license or government issued identification at any time, and that the information provided cannot be used as the basis for referring someone to the Medical Advisory Board.** We understand the current system used by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) creates an electronic record, and the information about a person’s disability will be forever stored in the system once any information is collected. So, for example, if a parent chooses to indicate a child’s nonapparent disability, that information remains on the child’s record even as they age and remains even if, at the age of 18, the person no longer wants that information indicated.
 - **In 2020, the Maryland General Assembly passed SB885/HB1118 (Ch. 427) to require the Maryland MVA to provide voluntary Developmental Disability Self-Disclosure Cards.** These cards may be used by someone with a developmental disability to self-disclose a disability to police. The cards are kept with a person’s government issued identification or driver’s license. On one side of the card, the person with disabilities can include information

about their disability, how they communicate, and any other pertinent information to share with law enforcement personnel. The cards are designed to signal to officers that the driver has a disability and that they may need to communicate differently. The MVA now has these cards available upon request. **The use of these cards does NOT create an electronic record of voluntary disability disclosure as SB 1096 would do.**

2. **Include more mandatory training for law enforcement that is consistent across the entire State.** In 2015, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation to create the Ethan Saylor Alliance (ESA) for Self Advocates as Educators. The ESA provides training for members of law enforcement and other public service entities on specific needs of those with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Under the ESA, people with disabilities take the central role in educating and informing law enforcement about the specific needs of those with disabilities and how to safely and supportively interact with people with disabilities. By allowing people with disabilities to lead the trainings, ESA is following best practices in creating change with law enforcement. **More needs to be done to fund this best practice and promote people with disabilities to lead trainings with law enforcement.**
3. **Establish and include specific accountability measures of law enforcement.** Once the required training is completed, the law enforcement officer should be expected to engage with Marylanders with disabilities as they were trained. If they are in violation, penalties or disciplinary measures should be implemented.
4. **If a notation moves forward, with the amendments above, people with disabilities have to be included in the discussion about what notation is used so as to not offend the community members we seek to protect.**

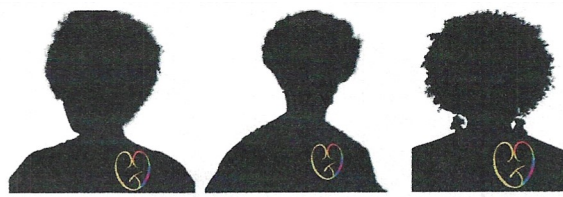
The amendments are important to the members of the Council. Our members feel strongly about the need to preserve the rights of people with disabilities so we avoid stigma and targeted victimization. Finally, our members feel strongly that we need to protect people with disabilities who choose not to self-identify. That means if a person with disabilities does not want to use a disability notation on their ID, they should be treated with the same compassion, understanding, and respect as other Marylanders.

Contact: Dee Sapp, Chairperson, sapp.dee2011@gmail.com, and Rachel London, Executive Director, RLondon@md-council.org

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Guardians 4 Change Group

Date: September 14, 2023

To: Senator Will C. Smith

From: Guardians 4 Change Group

Re: Eric's ID Law

After serving my community for 21 years as a law enforcement officer (LEO), I've received a lot of tools and training to be a more efficient and effective servant. No training was more impactful than the Dressed in Blue training I received about Autism. It enlightened me and changed my perception of individuals living with invisible disabilities.

Those that truly honor the badge want to protect and serve. They want to heal the wounds in police and community relations. Eric's ID law will give them a chance to make a good first impression.

Ironically, LEOs depend on IDs to assist them with how they may interact with citizens they encounter. We ask for IDs at traffic stops. We ask for IDs when walking the beat. We check IDs to ensure proper service of legal documents. Many other entities in our society depend on proper and effective IDs. We must show IDs to see our children in the schools. We must show IDs to travel to see the world. We need IDs to seek proper medical treatment. IDs are a small but the most powerful tool we use to present our true selves to society.

I stand in full support of Eric's ID law. Eric's ID law will give citizens, who are unable to speak up for themselves, a voice. Eric's ID law will give LEOs the opportunity to effectively assess a situation and provide the proper services to resolve a situation peacefully. Eric's ID law gives LEOs a chance to make a long-lasting positive impression on individuals with invisible disabilities. Eric's ID law is a blessed step toward healing community and police relations.

Always in service,

Yakeisha Poole

Retired Captain, PGSO

Founder of the Guardians 4 Change Group



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Judiciary Committee

**SB1096 Vehicle Laws- Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator Permits-
Identification of Nonapparent Disability**

Hearing 3/05/24 at 1:00 pm

Position: OPPOSE

Synopsis

Requiring that an application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to indicate the applicant's non apparent disability; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the license, identification card, or moped operator's permit of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a non-apparent disability includes an "ND" notation.

Honorable Chairperson, and distinguished members of the Senate Finance Committee: People on the Go of Maryland (POG) is a statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) and our mission is to promote self-advocacy throughout the state. POG opposes SB1096 because the idea that someone's disability information would be documented on their vehicle permit is disturbing to us. Although voluntary, it is important to note that once information is on someone's permanent record, it is there permanently. Information documenting someone's disability could possibly be used against that person or their community in the future and this is worrisome.

Thank you,

Cody Drinkwater
Policy Coordinator

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March 5, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
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RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 1096 – Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 1096 would require the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to provide applicants who disclose to the MVA that they have a nonapparent disability with an indicator on the applicant's identification card or driver's license. MDOT's top priority is safety and we appreciate the intent behind this legislation.

Currently, the MVA provides upon request a Developmental Disability Disclosure Card, colloquially referred to as a "blue card" due to the color of the card, which is the size of a driver's license. It includes space for an individual to provide specific details of a developmental disability and give guidance on effective communication between law enforcement officers and the individual with a developmental disability.

Development Disability Disclosure Cards are voluntary and available at any of the MVA branches across the state. Information on how to obtain the blue card is also available on MVA's website and online services. MVA representatives do not require customers and/or parents/guardians to disclose or present any documentation of their disability to obtain this card.

Over the past two years MVA has developed partnerships with several organizations including Pathfinders for Autism, The Arc Maryland, Kennedy Krieger Institute, Maryland Department of Disabilities, and Maryland Disabilities Council to help spread awareness on the availability of the blue card. MVA has worked with partners to create toolkits to help provide this information to the communities in which they serve and provides the blue cards for these trusted partners to use when they are out in the community. MVA has also furthered efforts to assist these groups by providing printing of toolkits with important information about blue card and MVA. The MVA has partnered with counties in Maryland and the Pathfinders for Autism organization to host mock traffic stops and provide blue cards upon request.

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
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The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 1096.

Respectfully submitted,

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