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**By: Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee (Departmental -  
Transportation)**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 1997

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Identification Cards - Waiver of Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to waive a fee for  
4 certain identification cards for individuals who have a physical or mental  
5 impairment that substantially limits a "major life activity" as defined in the federal  
6 Americans with Disabilities Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 12-301(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 12-301(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 12-301.

21 (a) On application, the Administration shall issue an identification card to any  
22 individual who:

23 (1) Is a resident of this State;

24 (2) Does not have a driver's license;

25 (3) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable  
26 to the Administration; and

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1                   (4) Presents a completed application for an identification card on a form  
2 furnished by the Administration.

3                   (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
4 Administration shall establish a fee for the issuance of an identification card and for  
5 issuance of a duplicate identification card.

6                   (2) A fee is not required if the applicant for the card:

7                               (i) Is 65 years old or older;

8                               (ii) Is legally blind;

9                               (iii) Has permanently lost the use of a leg or an arm; [or]

10                              (iv) Is permanently disabled so severely that the applicant cannot move  
11 without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair; OR

12                              (V) HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT THAT  
13 SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS A "MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITY" AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL  
14 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

15                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 1997.