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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prospective Jurors - Motor Vehicle Administration Lists**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the sources from which prospective jurors shall be
4 selected by the jury commissioner or clerk of the court to include lists of certain
5 individuals who have been issued a driver's license or an identification card by the
6 Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring the Administration to make available to
7 the jury commissioners or clerks certain lists without cost; making stylistic changes;
8 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the selection of
9 prospective jurors.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 8-104 and 8-204
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 8-104.

19 (A) The jury commissioner or the clerk of the court shall select the names of
20 prospective jurors from among:

21 (1) [those] THOSE persons AT LEAST 18 years old [or older] whose names
22 appear on the voter registration lists[.];

23 (2) THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD WHO HAVE BEEN
24 ISSUED A DRIVER'S LICENSE BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;

25 (3) THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD WHO HAVE BEEN
26 ISSUED AN IDENTIFICATION CARD BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION; and

27 (4) [from such additional] ADDITIONAL sources permitted by a plan
28 adopted under § 8-201 OF THIS TITLE.

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1 (B) Volunteers for jury service shall be refused, and recommendations, if made,
2 may not be accepted.

3 8-204.

4 (A) Any State or local official who has custody, possession, or control of voter
5 registration lists shall make the lists and records available to the jury commissioner or
6 clerks for inspection and copying at any reasonable time.

7 (B) (1) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE
8 TO THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR CLERKS FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING AT ANY
9 REASONABLE TIME:

10 (I) THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
11 AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED A DRIVER'S LICENSE BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
12 ADMINISTRATION; AND

13 (II) THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
14 AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED AN IDENTIFICATION CARD BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
15 ADMINISTRATION.

16 (2) THE LISTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED BY
17 THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR CLERKS
18 WITHOUT COST.

19 (C) The circuit court of a county upon application by the Attorney General, may
20 compel compliance with this section.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 January 1, 1998.