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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Emergency Contacts - Notation on Driver's License or**
3 **Identification Card**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide for a
5 method by which an applicant for a driver's license or identification card can
6 designate an individual to contact in the event the applicant becomes
7 incapacitated; requiring the Administration to make a notation on the
8 applicant's driver's license or identification card indicating the fact that the
9 applicant has designated a certain individual as an emergency contact in the
10 event the applicant becomes incapacitated; requiring the Administration to
11 develop a database system that contains certain telephone numbers and is
12 accessible by a person who renders assistance to the holder of a driver's license
13 or identification card bearing an emergency contact notation; requiring the
14 Administration to notify an applicant of certain facts; defining a certain term;
15 and generally relating to developing a system for designating an individual to
16 contact under certain circumstances.

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 12-302
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 12-302.

26 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY CONTACT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
27 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
28 IDENTIFICATION CARD AS A PERSON TO CONTACT IN THE EVENT THE APPLICANT
29 BECOMES INCAPACITATED.

1 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE FOR A METHOD BY WHICH AN
2 APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD MAY DESIGNATE UP
3 TO THREE EMERGENCY CONTACTS.

4 (C) IF AN APPLICANT DESIGNATES AN EMERGENCY CONTACT, THE
5 ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAKE A NOTATION OF THIS FACT ON THE DRIVER'S
6 LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO THE APPLICANT.

7 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

8 (1) DEVELOP A DATABASE SYSTEM THAT CONTAINS THE TELEPHONE
9 NUMBERS OF THE APPLICANT'S EMERGENCY CONTACTS; AND

10 (2) DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR ALLOWING A PERSON WHO RENDERS
11 ASSISTANCE TO THE APPLICANT TO ACCESS AN EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE
12 NUMBER THAT IS STORED IN THE DATABASE SYSTEM.

13 (E) AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT AUTHORIZES THE EMERGENCY CONTACT
14 DESIGNATION TO APPEAR ON THE APPLICANT'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
15 IDENTIFICATION CARD, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT THAT:

16 (1) THE DESIGNATION AUTHORIZES A PERSON WHO RENDERS
17 ASSISTANCE TO THE APPLICANT TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT'S EMERGENCY
18 CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS; AND

19 (2) THE DESIGNATION CAN BE REMOVED ONLY ON WRITTEN NOTICE BY
20 THE APPLICANT TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2006.