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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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 driving record or record of application for an~~  
 9 identification card indicating the fact that the applicant has designated a  
 10 certain individual as an emergency contact in the event the applicant becomes  
 11 incapacitated; requiring the Administration to develop a database system that  
 12 contains certain telephone numbers and is accessible by a ~~person who renders~~  
 13 ~~assistance to the holder of a driver's license or identification card bearing an~~  
 14 ~~emergency contact notation~~ law enforcement officer; requiring the  
 15 Administration to notify an applicant of certain facts; defining a certain term;  
 16 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to developing a  
 17 system for designating an individual to contact under certain circumstances.

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Transportation

20 Section 12-302

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Transportation**

2 12-302.

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

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

10 (C) IF AN APPLICANT DESIGNATES AN EMERGENCY CONTACT, THE  
11 ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAKE A NOTATION OF THIS FACT ON THE ~~DRIVER'S~~  
12 ~~LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO THE APPLICANT~~ APPLICANT'S  
13 DRIVING RECORD OR RECORD OF APPLICATION FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD.

14 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

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

17 (2) DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR ALLOWING A ~~PERSON WHO RENDERS~~  
18 ~~ASSISTANCE TO THE APPLICANT~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ACCESS AN  
19 EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT IS STORED IN THE DATABASE  
20 SYSTEM.

21 (E) AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT ~~AUTHORIZES THE EMERGENCY CONTACT~~  
22 ~~DESIGNATION TO APPEAR ON THE APPLICANT'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR~~  
23 ~~IDENTIFICATION CARD DESIGNATES AN EMERGENCY CONTACT, THE~~  
24 ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT THAT:

25 (1) THE DESIGNATION AUTHORIZES A ~~PERSON WHO RENDERS~~  
26 ~~ASSISTANCE TO THE APPLICANT~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ACCESS THE  
27 APPLICANT'S EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS; AND

28 (2) THE DESIGNATION CAN BE REMOVED ONLY ~~ON WRITTEN NOTICE BY~~  
29 ~~THE APPLICANT TO THE ADMINISTRATION~~ AS PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 ~~October 1, 2006~~ January 1, 2007.

