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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Andrew's Law**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide for a
4 method by which an applicant for a driver's license or identification card can
5 designate an individual to contact in the event the applicant becomes
6 incapacitated; requiring the Administration to make a notation on the
7 applicant's driving record or record of application for an identification card
8 indicating the fact that the applicant has designated a certain individual as an
9 emergency contact in the event the applicant becomes incapacitated; requiring
10 the Administration to develop a database system that contains certain
11 telephone numbers and is accessible by a law enforcement officer; requiring the
12 Administration to notify an applicant of certain facts; defining a certain term;
13 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to developing a
14 system for designating an individual to contact under certain circumstances.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 12-302
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 **12-302.**

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

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

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

15 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

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

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

21 (E) AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT DESIGNATES AN EMERGENCY
22 CONTACT, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT THAT:

23 (1) THE DESIGNATION AUTHORIZES A LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 OFFICER TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT'S EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE
25 NUMBERS; AND

26 (2) THE DESIGNATION CAN BE REMOVED ONLY AS PROVIDED BY
27 THE ADMINISTRATION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 January 1, 2008.