

# HOUSE BILL 599

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## 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 and generally relating to developing a system for designating an individual to  
14 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 2008 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 **12–302.**

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “EMERGENCY CONTACT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL  
25 WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 IDENTIFICATION CARD AS A PERSON TO CONTACT IN THE EVENT THE  
2 APPLICANT BECOMES INCAPACITATED.

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

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

9 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

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

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

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

17 (1) THE DESIGNATION AUTHORIZES A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
18 OFFICER TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT'S EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE  
19 NUMBERS; AND

20 (2) THE DESIGNATION CAN BE REMOVED ONLY AS PROVIDED BY  
21 THE ADMINISTRATION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2009.