

SENATE BILL 276

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CF HB 358

By: Senators Mathias, Colburn, Currie, DeGrange, Edwards, Garagiola, Jennings, Middleton, Peters, and ~~Robey~~ Robey, Forehand, Getty, Jacobs, Stone, and Zirkin

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation of Veteran Status**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to
4 provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the
5 Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or
6 identification card of an applicant who presents ~~a certain certification of certain~~
7 documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the
8 applicant is a veteran; requiring an application for a driver's license or an
9 identification card to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant is a
10 veteran and consents to being contacted by ~~the Department~~ certain Executive
11 Branch agencies under certain circumstances for certain purposes; requiring the
12 Administration to electronically transmit certain information to ~~the Department~~
13 certain Executive Branch agencies under certain circumstances; authorizing the
14 Administration to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act;
15 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to drivers' licenses
16 and identification cards of veterans.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – State Government
19 Section 9–901(a), (b), and (d)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 9–905
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 12–302
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–901.

15 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (b) “Department” means the Department of Veterans Affairs.

17 (d) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 9–906 and 9–907 of this subtitle,
18 “veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the
19 United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under
20 conditions other than dishonorable.

21 9–905.

22 The Department shall:

23 (1) help veterans and their dependents to receive promptly and
24 regularly all of the benefits to which veterans or dependents are entitled under federal
25 law; [and]

26 (2) help veterans and their dependents in:

27 (i) preparing, in proper form, claims for benefits;

28 (ii) presenting the claims to the appropriate governmental unit;

29 (iii) trying to prevent and to relieve congestion in the processing
30 of the claims; and

31 (iv) obtaining and expediting action on the claims; **AND**

