

HOUSE BILL 181

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Registration Cards – Digital or Electronic Images**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on request, to issue and
4 deliver to the owner of a motor vehicle at the time of registration a digital or
5 electronic image of the registration card for the motor vehicle that contains certain
6 information; authorizing an individual who is driving or in control of a motor vehicle
7 to carry or display on the demand of a police officer a digital or electronic image of
8 the registration card for the motor vehicle instead of the registration card; making a
9 certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the issuance and use of digital or
10 electronic images of motor vehicle registration cards.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–408 and 13–409
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 13–408.

20 When it registers a vehicle, the Administration shall issue and deliver to the owner
21 a registration card **AND, ON REQUEST, A DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC IMAGE OF THE**
22 **REGISTRATION CARD** that contains:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) The date issued;
- 2 (2) The name and Maryland address of the owner;
- 3 (3) The registration number assigned by the Administration to the vehicle;
- 4 and
- 5 (4) Such description of the vehicle as the Administrator determines.

6 13-409.

7 (a) An individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall carry a registration
8 card **OR A DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC IMAGE OF THE REGISTRATION CARD** in the vehicle
9 to which the registration card refers.

10 (b) On demand of a police officer who identifies himself as a police officer, an
11 individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall display a registration card **OR A**
12 **DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC IMAGE OF A REGISTRATION CARD** that refers to the vehicle.

13 (c) An individual may satisfy subsection (a) or (b) of this section by carrying in
14 the vehicle and making available a valid rental agreement in place of a registration card
15 **OR A DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC IMAGE OF THE REGISTRATION CARD** in the case of a
16 rental vehicle that is:

17 (1) Rented under the provisions of Title 18 of this article; or

18 (2) Rented or leased for a period not exceeding 180 days and registered in
19 another state.

20 (d) This section does not apply if the **REGISTRATION** card is being used to apply
21 for the transfer of registration of the vehicle.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2016.