

# SENATE BILL 28

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation for Surviving Spouses of**  
3 **Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's  
5 license or identification card of an applicant who presents certain proof that the  
6 applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran includes a notation indicating that  
7 status; requiring an application for a driver's license or an identification card to allow  
8 an applicant to indicate that the applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran and  
9 consents to being contacted by certain Executive Branch agencies under certain  
10 circumstances for certain purposes; requiring the Administration to electronically  
11 transmit certain information to certain Executive Branch agencies under certain  
12 circumstances; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the  
13 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to driver's licenses and identification  
14 cards of surviving spouses of veterans.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 12–302.1  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

### Article – Transportation

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23 **12–302.1.**

24 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE 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 OF AN APPLICANT WHO PRESENTS PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO  
2 THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A  
3 VETERAN INCLUDES A NOTATION INDICATING THAT STATUS.

4 (B) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR AN  
5 IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE  
6 APPLICANT IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERAN AND CONSENTS TO BEING  
7 CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES REGARDING THE  
8 APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL BENEFITS AS THE SURVIVING  
9 SPOUSE OF A VETERAN.

10 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE  
11 GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON  
12 REQUEST BY AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL  
13 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE  
14 INFORMATION ABOUT EACH APPLICANT WHO CONSENTS TO BEING CONTACTED IN  
15 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

16 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE  
17 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2018.