

# HOUSE BILL 146

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Duplicate Driver’s Licenses – Victims of Robbery or Theft**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, when processing an  
4 application for a duplicate license of a victim of a robbery or theft whose license is  
5 taken during the robbery or theft, to issue the duplicate license free of charge under  
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to duplicate driver’s licenses and  
7 victims of robbery or theft.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 16–114

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 16–114.

17 (a) In this section, “mutilated” includes any imperfection of or in a driver’s license,  
18 after its issuance, that renders it unsuitable for identification purposes or for verifying its  
19 authenticity and validity.

20 (b) If a driver’s license is lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed, the licensee  
21 immediately shall apply for and, after furnishing information satisfactory to the  
22 Administration and payment of the required fee, is entitled to obtain a duplicate license. If  
23 the duplicate license being applied for is of a type requiring a photo and the licensee is  
24 temporarily absent from this State, the Administration may issue a regular license bearing

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the notation that it is valid without a photo until 15 days after the licensee first returns to  
2 this State.

3 (c) A licensee who is at least 21 years may apply for a duplicate license that  
4 includes a frontal photograph of the licensee.

5 (d) If a person recovers an original license for which a duplicate has been issued,  
6 the person promptly shall surrender the original license to the Administration.

7 **(E) IF A VICTIM OF A ROBBERY OR THEFT WHOSE LICENSE IS TAKEN DURING**  
8 **THE ROBBERY OR THEFT PRESENTS A POLICE REPORT OF THE ROBBERY OR THEFT**  
9 **WHEN APPLYING FOR A DUPLICATE LICENSE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A**  
10 **DUPLICATE LICENSE FREE OF CHARGE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2019.