HOUSE BILL 1121

By: Delegates R. Jones, Brooks, Foley, Hill, Patterson, and Proctor
Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Driver’s Licenses, Identification Cards, and Registration Plates – Notation for Autism Spectrum

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license, identification card, or registration plate of an applicant who indicates on an application for a driver's license, an identification card, or a vehicle registration that the applicant is on the autism spectrum includes a notation specifying that the applicant is on the autism spectrum; requiring an application for a driver's license, an identification card, or a vehicle registration to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant is on the autism spectrum; and generally relating to driver’s licenses, identification cards, and registration plates of individuals on the autism spectrum.

BY renumbering
Article – Transportation
Section 13–410(d), (e), (g), and (h), respectively
to be Section 13–410(e), (f), (h), and (i), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 12–306 and 13–410(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–403(a) and 13–410(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–403(b) and 13–410(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 13–410(d), (e), (g), and (h), respectively, of Article – Transportation of the
Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 13–410(e), (f), (h), and (i),
respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Transportation

12–306.

(A) THE APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD,
OR A MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMIT SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT
THE APPLICANT IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER’S LICENSE,
IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMIT OF AN APPLICANT WHO HAS
INDICATED THAT THE APPLICANT IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM ON THE
APPLICATION FOR THE DRIVER’S LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED
OPERATOR’S PERMIT INCLUDES A NOTATION SPECIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS
ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.

13–403.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the owner of a
vehicle subject to registration under this subtitle shall apply to the Administration for the
registration of the vehicle in a manner that the Administration requires.

(2) The application for registration of a low speed vehicle shall be made by
electronic transmission under § 13–610 of this title.

(b) The application shall [contain]:

(1) CONTAIN the information that the Administration reasonably requires
to determine if the vehicle is entitled to registration; AND

(2) ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ON
THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.
(b) (1) Each registration plate shall display:
   (i) The registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued; and
   (ii) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated.

(2) The registration number may consist of letters, numerals, or both.

(D) The Administration shall ensure that the registration plate of an applicant registering a vehicle under this title includes a notation specifying that the applicant is on the Autism Spectrum if the applicant indicates on the application for the registration plate that the applicant is on the Autism Spectrum.

(G) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(d)] (E) of this section, the Administration may issue reflectorized registration plates under §§ 13–618 and 13–619 of this title.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.