

HOUSE BILL 1121

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's Licenses, Identification Cards, and Registration Plates – Notation for**
3 **Autism Spectrum**

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

12 BY renumbering

13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 13–410(d), (e), (g), and (h), respectively
15 to be Section 13–410(e), (f), (h), and (i), respectively
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 12–306 and 13–410(d)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

24 Article – Transportation
25 Section 13–403(a) and 13–410(b)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Transportation
3 Section 13–403(b) and 13–410(f)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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

12 **Article – Transportation**

13 **12–306.**

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

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

23 13–403.

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

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

29 (b) The application shall [contain]:

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

32 **(2) ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ON**
33 **THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.**

1 13-410.

2 (b) (1) Each registration plate shall display:

3 (i) The registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
4 issued; and

5 (ii) The name of this State, which may be abbreviated.

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

7 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE**
8 **OF AN APPLICANT REGISTERING A VEHICLE UNDER THIS TITLE INCLUDES A**
9 **NOTATION SPECIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM IF THE**
10 **APPLICANT INDICATES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION PLATE THAT**
11 **THE APPLICANT IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM.**

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

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