

HOUSE BILL 1121

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Driver's Licenses, Identification Cards, and Registration Plates – Notation for~~
3 ~~Autism Spectrum~~
4 Motor Vehicle Administration – Voluntary Developmental Disability
5 Self-Disclosure Envelope

6 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's~~
7 ~~license, identification card, or registration plate of an applicant who indicates on an~~
8 ~~application for a driver's license, an identification card, or a vehicle registration that~~
9 ~~the applicant is on the autism spectrum includes a notation specifying that the~~
10 ~~applicant is on the autism spectrum; requiring an application for a driver's license,~~
11 ~~an identification card, or a vehicle registration to allow an applicant to indicate that~~
12 ~~the applicant is on the autism spectrum; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration~~
13 to create a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure envelope; and
14 generally relating to driver's licenses, identification cards, and registration plates of
15 individuals on the autism spectrum developmental disability self-disclosure
16 envelopes.

17 ~~BY renumbering~~

18 ~~Article – Transportation~~

19 ~~Section 13-410(d), (e), (g), and (h), respectively~~

20 ~~to be Section 13-410(e), (f), (h), and (i), respectively~~

21 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

22 ~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

23 ~~BY adding to~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~Article – Transportation~~
 2 ~~Section 12–306 and 13–410(d)~~
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 4 ~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

5 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 6 ~~Article – Transportation~~
 7 ~~Section 13–403(a) and 13–410(b)~~
 8 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 9 ~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article – Transportation
 12 Section ~~13–403(b) and 13–410(f)~~ 16–118.1
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 ~~12–306.~~

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

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

32 ~~13–403.~~

33 ~~(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the owner of a~~
 34 ~~vehicle subject to registration under this subtitle shall apply to the Administration for the~~
 35 ~~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.~~

~~13-410.~~

~~(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.~~

~~[(f)] (C) 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.~~

~~16-118.1.~~

(a) (1) The Administration shall develop [a form for] a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card AND A VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SELF-DISCLOSURE ENVELOPE.

(2) [A] THE voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card AND THE VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SELF-DISCLOSURE ENVELOPE shall EACH:

(i) Be approximately the same size as a driver's license;

(ii) Be printed on blue paper OR BLUE STURDY MATERIAL;

1 (iii) Include space for an individual to provide details on a
 2 developmental disability; and

3 (iv) Include written guidance on effective communication between
 4 law enforcement officers and people with developmental disabilities.

5 (3) In developing the [form] DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
 6 SELF-DISCLOSURE CARD AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SELF-
 7 DISCLOSURE ENVELOPE required by this subsection, the Administration shall consult
 8 with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and at least one independent organization
 9 that advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities.

10 (b) (1) (I) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Administration shall make a
 11 voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card available to any individual of
 12 driving age who requests one.

13 [(2)] (II) If an individual who requests a voluntary developmental
 14 disability self-disclosure card is a minor, the Administration shall provide the card to the
 15 individual's parent or guardian.

16 (2) (I) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, THE ADMINISTRATION
 17 SHALL MAKE A VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SELF-DISCLOSURE
 18 ENVELOPE AVAILABLE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OF DRIVING AGE WHO REQUESTS ONE.

19 (II) IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REQUESTS A VOLUNTARY
 20 SELF-DISCLOSURE ENVELOPE IS A MINOR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE
 21 THE ENVELOPE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

22 (c) [Except as required by § 16-118 of this subtitle, the Administration may not
 23 maintain any records relating to the issuance of a voluntary developmental disability
 24 self-disclosure card] THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP INFORMATIONAL
 25 MATERIALS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENTAL
 26 DISABILITY SELF-DISCLOSURE CARD AND THE VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENTAL
 27 SELF-DISCLOSURE ENVELOPE THAT ARE:

28 (1) WRITTEN IN PLAIN LANGUAGE;

29 (2) PUBLISHED ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE;

30 (3) POSTED AT ALL MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION LOCATIONS;

31 (4) INCLUDED IN THE DRIVER'S EDUCATION CURRICULUM; AND

1 **(5) MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS DURING THE PROCESS OF**
2 **APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

3 **(D) IN DEVELOPING THE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED BY**
4 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH AT**
5 **LEAST ONE ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
6 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

7 SECTION ~~2~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.