SENATE BILL 839

By: Senators Rosapepe and King
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Voluntary COVID–19 Vaccine Passport

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that the Maryland MyIR Mobile immunization record service meets certain design requirements for its voluntary use as a vaccine passport for displaying COVID–19 vaccination information on a mobile device; requiring the Department to develop and implement an outreach and marketing plan to raise awareness of Maryland MyIR Mobile; and generally relating to the development and awareness of vaccine passport technology in the State.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 18–9A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

18–9A–05.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE” MEANS THE STATE IMMUNIZATION RECORD SERVICE THAT PROVIDES AN INDIVIDUAL WITH:

(1) ACCESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL’S OFFICIAL STATE IMMUNIZATION RECORDS; AND

(2) THE ABILITY TO VOLUNTARILY AND SECURELY DISPLAY ON AND
TRANSMIT THROUGH A MOBILE DEVICE PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S VACCINATION FOR COVID–19 USING A SMART HEALTH CARD QR CODE.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE HAS A DESIGN THAT:

(1) ENABLES ITS VOLUNTARY USE AS A VACCINE PASSPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK TO DISPLAY PROOF OF THEIR COVID–19 VACCINATION STATUS ON A MOBILE DEVICE TO ACCESS A VENUE WHERE PROOF OF COVID–19 VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY;

(2) USES A MOBILE APPLICATION THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH ALL MOBILE DEVICES IN WIDESPREAD USE, INCLUDING IOS AND ANDROID COMPATIBLE APPLICATIONS;

(3) IS ABLE TO AUTOMATICALLY DISPLAY A SMART HEALTH CARD QR CODE IN A WALLET FUNCTION ON ANY MOBILE DEVICE THAT HAS THAT FUNCTION;

(4) HAS A SMART HEALTH CARD QR CODE THAT IS VERIFIED AS VALID UNDER COMMONTRUST NETWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTISTATE FUNCTIONALITY;

(5) IS COMPATIBLE WITH MULTINATIONAL VACCINE PASSPORT PLATFORMS;

(6) DISPLAYS INFORMATION IN SPANISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES COMMONLY USED IN THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(7) ENABLES ITS USE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH AND MARKETING PLAN TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE AS A VOLUNTARY VACCINE PASSPORT TECHNOLOGY THAT MAY BE USED FOR VERIFYING PROOF OF COVID–19 VACCINATION STATUS BY AN INDIVIDUAL, A BUSINESS, AND ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.