

# SENATE BILL 839

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By: **Senators Rosapepe and King**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccine Passport**

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

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 18-9A-05

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **18-9A-05.**

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

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

23 **(2) THE ABILITY TO VOLUNTARILY AND SECURELY DISPLAY ON AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 TRANSMIT THROUGH A MOBILE DEVICE PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S VACCINATION  
2 FOR COVID-19 USING A SMART HEALTH CARD QR CODE.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (5) IS COMPATIBLE WITH MULTINATIONAL VACCINE PASSPORT  
19 PLATFORMS;

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

22 (7) ENABLES ITS USE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
29 1, 2022.