

Chapter 565

(House Bill 1371)

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Driver’s Licenses – Electronic Credentials
(Maryland Mobile ID Enhancement Act)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies; authorizing an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use a certain electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver’s license, instead of a driver’s license, to rent the vehicle; and generally relating to the use of electronic credentials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–1002 and 18–103(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

16–1002.

(a) The Administration may issue an electronic credential to an individual in addition to, and not instead of, a license or an identification card if the Administration has issued to the individual:

(1) A license; or

(2) An identification card under § 12–301 of this article.

(b) The Administration may enter into agreements with an agency of the State, another state, or the United States, **OR THROUGH A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AGENCIES**, to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials issued by the Administration or another state.

(c) The Administration may create an electronic credential that:

(1) Is capable of producing both a full profile and a limited profile; and

(2) Satisfies the purpose for which the profile is being presented.

(d) The Administration shall design the electronic credential in a manner that allows the credential holder to maintain physical possession of the device on which the electronic credential is accessed during verification.

18–103.

(a) A person may not rent a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to any other person unless the individual who will operate the rented vehicle:

(1) **(I)** Holds a driver's license issued under Title 16 of this article, which license authorizes [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** to drive or tow, as the case may be, vehicles of the class rented; **OR**

(II) POSSESSES AN ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL ISSUED UNDER TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS ARTICLE SHOWING A REPRESENTATION OF A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE;

(2) Is a nonresident who:

(i) **1.** Has with [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** a license to drive issued to [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** by the state or country of [his] **THE INDIVIDUAL'S** residence, which license authorizes [him] **THE INDIVIDUAL** in that state or country to drive or tow, as the case may be, vehicles of the class rented; **OR**

2. POSSESSES AN ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATE OF RESIDENCE SHOWING A REPRESENTATION OF A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATE OF RESIDENCE HAS ENTERED INTO A FACILITATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 16–1002(B) OF THIS ARTICLE; and

(ii) Is at least the same age as that required of a resident to drive or tow, as the case may be, the vehicle rented; or

(3) Otherwise is specifically authorized by Title 16 of this article to drive or tow, as the case may be, vehicles of the class rented.

(b) (1) A person may not rent a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to any other person unless the lessor or his agent:

(i) Has inspected the license to drive **OR ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL** of the individual who will operate the rented vehicle;

(ii) Has compared and verified:

1. The signature on the license **OR ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL** with the signature of the individual, as written in the presence of the lessor or agent; and

2. The physical description on the license **OR ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL** with the physical appearance of the individual; and

(iii) Has verified that the license is not expired.

(2) An inspection of a license **OR AN ELECTRONIC CREDENTIAL** under this section may be through electronic or digital means.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect the ability of the Motor Vehicle Administration to authorize and implement the use of electronic credentials in matters other than rental vehicle transactions.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.