

HOUSE BILL 1539

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By: **Delegate Woods**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Identification Cards – Issuance to Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from requiring a parent
4 or legal guardian of a minor at least a certain age to cosign or be present at the time
5 of submission of the minor’s application for an identification card; and generally
6 relating to State–issued identification cards for minors.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 12–301(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 12–301.

16 (a) **(1)** On application, the Administration shall issue an identification card to
17 any applicant who:

18 **[(1)] (I)** Is a resident of this State;

19 **[(2)] (II)** Does not have a driver’s license;

20 **[(3)] (III)** Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity
21 acceptable to the Administration;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(4)] (IV) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant
2 has lawful status;

3 [(5) (i)] (V) 1. Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that
4 the applicant has a valid Social Security number by presenting the applicant's Social
5 Security Administration account card or, if the Social Security Administration account card
6 is not available, any of the following documents bearing the applicant's Social Security
7 number:

8 [1.] A. A current W-2 form;

9 [2.] B. A current SSA-1099 form;

10 [3.] C. A current non-SSA-1099 form; or

11 [4.] D. A current pay stub with the applicant's name and
12 Social Security number on it; or

13 [(ii)] 2. Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the
14 applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number; and

15 [(6)] (VI) Presents a completed application for an identification card on a
16 form furnished by the Administration.

17 (2) **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A PARENT OR LEGAL**
18 **GUARDIAN OF A MINOR 15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO COSIGN OR BE PRESENT AT**
19 **THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE MINOR'S APPLICATION FOR AN IDENTIFICATION**
20 **CARD.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2025.