

# SENATE BILL 618

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By: **Senator Smith**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator’s Permits**  
3 **– Notation of Nonapparent Disability**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain applications for a license, an identification card,  
5 or a moped operator’s permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the  
6 document the applicant’s nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle  
7 Administration to ensure that the license, identification card, or moped operator’s  
8 permit of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability  
9 includes a certain notation; requiring the Administration to establish certain public  
10 outreach efforts on the availability of the notation; prohibiting the Administration  
11 from disclosing certain information to certain entities about an applicant that  
12 indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability; and generally relating to  
13 nonapparent disability notations on licenses, identification cards, and moped  
14 operator’s permits.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 11–128 and 11–135  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Transportation  
22 Section 12–306  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11–128.

2 (a) “License”, as used in reference to the operation of a motor vehicle, means any:

3 (1) Driver’s license; and

4 (2) Any other license or permit to drive a motor vehicle that is issued under  
5 or granted by the laws of this State, including:

6 (i) Any temporary license;

7 (ii) A learner’s instructional permit;

8 (iii) A provisional license;

9 (iv) The privilege of any individual to drive a motor vehicle, whether  
10 or not that individual is formally licensed by this or any other jurisdiction;

11 (v) Any nonresident’s privilege to drive, as defined in this subtitle;  
12 and

13 (vi) A commercial driver’s license.

14 (b) “License” does not include an electronic credential issued under Title 16,  
15 Subtitle 10 of this article.

16 11–135.

17 (a) (1) “Motor vehicle” means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
18 section, a vehicle that:

19 (i) Is self–propelled or propelled by electric power obtained from  
20 overhead electrical wires; and

21 (ii) Is not operated on rails.

22 (2) “Motor vehicle” includes a low speed vehicle.

23 (b) “Motor vehicle” does not include:

24 (1) A moped, as defined in § 11–134.1 of this subtitle;

25 (2) A motor scooter, as defined in § 11–134.5 of this subtitle;

26 (3) An electric bicycle, as defined in § 11–117.1 of this subtitle;

1 (4) An electric low speed scooter, as defined in § 11–117.2 of this subtitle;  
2 or

3 (5) A personal delivery device, as defined in § 21–104.5 of this article.

4 **12–306.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “NONAPPARENT DISABILITY” MEANS A  
6 DISABILITY OR HEALTH CONDITION THAT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS OR  
7 VISIBLE.

8 (2) “NONAPPARENT DISABILITY” INCLUDES:

9 (I) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND

10 (II) INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

11 (B) AN INITIAL AND A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, AN  
12 IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMIT SHALL ALLOW AN  
13 APPLICANT TO CHOOSE TO INDICATE ON THE DOCUMENT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS  
14 A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY.

15 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

16 (1) ENSURE THAT THE LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED  
17 OPERATOR’S PERMIT OF AN APPLICANT WHO HAS INDICATED A NONAPPARENT  
18 DISABILITY ON AN APPLICATION INCLUDES A NOTATION OF THE NONAPPARENT  
19 DISABILITY ON THE BOTTOM OF THE LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED  
20 OPERATOR’S PERMIT;

21 (2) CONSULT WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND  
22 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGN OF  
23 THE NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION;

24 (3) NOTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY  
25 NOTATION ON A LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMIT  
26 THAT TURNS 18 YEARS OF AGE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST THAT THE  
27 NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION BE REMOVED; AND

28 (4) ESTABLISH PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE  
29 GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NONAPPARENT DISABILITY  
30 NOTATION.

1           **(D) THERE IS NO FEE FOR A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION ON A**  
2 **LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT, INCLUDING FOR**  
3 **THE ISSUANCE OF A CORRECTED DOCUMENT IF NO OTHER CORRECTIONS ARE MADE.**

4           **(E) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT:**

5                 **(1) REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION**  
6 **CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE APPLICANT'S**  
7 **NONAPPARENT DISABILITY;**

8                 **(2) DENY AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION**  
9 **CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT BECAUSE THE NONAPPARENT DISABILITY**  
10 **SELECTED BY THE APPLICANT DOES NOT MATCH THE NONAPPARENT DISABILITY**  
11 **INDICATED ON ANOTHER DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICANT;**

12                **(3) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-320 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
13 **ARTICLE, DISCLOSE INFORMATION RELATED TO AN APPLICANT'S INDICATION OF A**  
14 **NONAPPARENT DISABILITY ON AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, AN**  
15 **IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT FOR ANY USE IN**  
16 **RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR THE MARYLAND**  
17 **INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; OR**

18                **(4) USE INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY A PERSON UNDER THIS**  
19 **SECTION AS A BASIS FOR REFERRING THE PERSON TO THE MEDICAL ADVISORY**  
20 **BOARD UNDER § 16-118 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21           **(F) THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, IN**  
22 **CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE AND OTHER**  
23 **INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL IMPLEMENT TRAINING CONCERNING**  
24 **INTERACTIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY**  
25 **NOTATION ON THEIR LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR MOPED OPERATOR'S**  
26 **PERMIT.**

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