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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 1539 (Delegate Woods)
Environment and Transportation

Transportation - Identification Cards - Issuance to Minors

This bill prohibits the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) from requiring a parent or legal guardian of a minor 15 years of age or older to cosign or be present at the time of submission of the minor's application for an identification (ID) card.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations. MVA can implement the bill with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: On application, MVA must issue an ID card to any applicant who:

- is a resident of the State;
 - does not have a driver's license;
 - presents a birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age and identity;
 - provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has lawful status;
 - provides satisfactory documentary evidence that (1) the applicant has a valid Social Security number by presenting the Social Security card (or specified documents if the card is not available) or (2) the applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number; and
 - presents a completed application for an ID card on the appropriate form.
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Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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