

## Chapter 116

**(House Bill 248)**

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards, Licenses, and Permits  
– Repeal of Color Photograph Requirement**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an identification card, a driver's license, or a moped operator's permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration be in color; and generally relating to the Motor Vehicle Administration and identification card, license, and permit requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 12–301(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 12–301(g)(2)(v), 16–111.1(d)(2)(iv), and 16–122(d)(3)(v)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

12–301.

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

- (1) Is a resident of this State;
- (2) Does not have a driver's license;
- (3) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable to the Administration;
- (4) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has lawful status;

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

1. A current W-2 form;
2. A current SSA-1099 form;
3. A current non-SSA-1099 form; or
4. A current pay stub with the applicant's name and Social Security number on it; or

(ii) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number; and

(6) Presents a completed application for an identification card on a form furnished by the Administration.

(g) (2) The card shall contain:

(v) A [color] photograph of the applicant taken by the procedure that the Administration requires;

16-111.1.

(d) (2) A noncommercial Class A, B, C, or M license shall include:

(iv) A [color] photograph of the applicant that is taken in accordance with a procedure that the Administration requires;

16-122.

(d) Each identification card, moped operator's permit, and license to drive issued or renewed in accordance with this section shall:

(3) Be of the size and design that the Administration requires, tamperproof, to the extent possible, and contain:

(v) A [color] photograph of the applicant taken by the procedure that the Administration requires;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2026.**