

HOUSE BILL 22

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Incarcerated Individuals – Identification Cards and**
3 **Driver’s Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain correctional facility to return a certain identification
5 card or driver’s license to a certain incarcerated individual at a certain time under
6 certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Correction and the managing
7 official of a local correctional facility to provide certain forms to and work with a
8 certain incarcerated individual under certain circumstances to ensure a certain
9 identification card or driver’s license is available to the incarcerated individual at
10 the time of the incarcerated individual’s release from confinement; and generally
11 relating to incarcerated individuals.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Correctional Services
14 Section 9–609.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Correctional Services**

20 9–609.1.

21 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Correction shall issue an identification card to an
22 incarcerated individual before release from confinement in a State correctional facility.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) The identification card issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall meet the requirements [for secondary identification for the purpose of an identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration under § 12-301] SET FORTH IN § 12-301.1 of the Transportation Article.

20 2. as soon as is practicable.

28 (C) IF AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL ENTERED A STATE CORRECTIONAL
29 FACILITY OR A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITH A VALID PHOTO
30 IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER
31 § 12-301 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OR A DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE
32 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL RETURN THE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S
33 LICENSE TO THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AT OR BEFORE THE TIME OF THE
34 INDIVIDUAL'S RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT.

35 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 6
36 MONTHS BEFORE THE ANTICIPATED RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT OF AN
37 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING A SENTENCE OF 1 YEAR OR MORE IN A

1 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, THE
2 COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION AND THE MANAGING OFFICIAL OF A LOCAL
3 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE FORMS TO AND WORK
4 WITH THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL TO ENSURE THAT A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION
5 CARD ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 12-301 OF THE
6 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OR A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS AVAILABLE TO THE
7 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AT THE TIME OF RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT.

8 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE SATISFIED BY
9 RETURN OF A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE TO AN
10 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED IN A MANNER THAT IN ANY WAY
12 DELAYS THE RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT OF AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL.

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