

HOUSE BILL 248

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 12–301(g)(2)(v), 16–111.1(d)(2)(iv), and 16–122(d)(3)(v)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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Article – Transportation

2 12–301.

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

5 (1) Is a resident of this State;

6 (2) Does not have a driver’s license;

7 (3) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable
8 to the Administration;

9 (4) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has
10 lawful status;

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

15 1. A current W–2 form;

16 2. A current SSA–1099 form;

17 3. A current non–SSA–1099 form; or

18 4. A current pay stub with the applicant’s name and Social
19 Security number on it; or

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

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

24 (g) (2) The card shall contain:

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

27 16–111.1.

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

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

3 16–122.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.