

HOUSE BILL 646

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By: **Delegates Guyton and Korman**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver Licensing – Self-Reporting of Medical Conditions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a medical provider report or physician referral be the
4 primary factor in the Motor Vehicle Administration's decision on whether to issue,
5 refuse, or cancel a driver's license for driver's license holders or applicants who
6 self-report a diagnosis of certain medical conditions, subject to a certain exception;
7 authorizing the Administration in its discretion to require additional testing of a
8 licensee or an applicant who provides notice of a diagnosis; requiring the
9 Administration to establish an expedited process for the issuance of a learner's
10 instructional permit under certain circumstances to an individual who self-reports
11 a diagnosis; and generally relating to individuals who self-report a diagnosis of a
12 medical condition to the Motor Vehicle Administration.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 16–119.1

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:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **16–119.1.**

22 (A) WHEN A LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE
23 NOTIFIES THE ADMINISTRATION AS REQUIRED UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY
24 THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED
25 WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION LISTED IN THAT REGULATION, A MEDICAL PROVIDER

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



REPORT OR A PHYSICIAN REFERRAL, AS NEEDED, SHALL BE THE PRIMARY FACTOR IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO ISSUE, REFUSE, OR CANCEL THE DRIVER'S LICENSE UNLESS LAW ENFORCEMENT FILES A REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION OF THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS DISCRETION MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TESTING OF A LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES NOTICE OF A DIAGNOSIS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN EXPEDITED PROCESS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT TO AN INDIVIDUAL:

(I) WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR CANCELED DUE TO A DIAGNOSIS OF A MEDICAL CONDITION;

(II) WHOSE MEDICAL CONDITION HAS IMPROVED SUCH THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS MEDICALLY QUALIFIED TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND

(III) WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM OR TAKE A DRIVER KNOWLEDGE OR SKILLS EXAMINATION.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS VALID FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM OR TAKE THE NECESSARY DRIVER KNOWLEDGE OR SKILLS EXAMINATION.

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