

HOUSE BILL 646

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By: ~~Delegates Guyton and Korman~~, **Korman, Grammer, Holmes, Lewis, and Odom**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ suspend a driver’s license for driver’s license holders or applicants
6 who self-report a diagnosis of certain medical conditions, ~~subject to a certain~~
7 ~~exception~~; authorizing the Administration in its discretion to require additional
8 documentation, written statements, or other materials related to a diagnosis
9 disclosed by a licensee or an applicant or indicated on forms subsequently submitted
10 to the Administration following disclosure and to require testing of a licensee or an
11 applicant who provides notice of a diagnosis; requiring the Administration to
12 establish an expedited process for the issuance of a learner’s instructional permit
13 under certain circumstances to an individual who self-reports a diagnosis; requiring
14 the Administration to examine its current practices for medical case review and
15 report to the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to
16 individuals who self-report a diagnosis of a medical condition to the Motor Vehicle
17 Administration.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 16-119.1
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Transportation**

3 **16-119.1.**

4 (A) WHEN A LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE
5 NOTIFIES THE ADMINISTRATION AS REQUIRED UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY
6 THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED
7 WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION LISTED IN ~~THAT REGULATION~~ THE REGULATIONS, A
8 MEDICAL PROVIDER REPORT OR A PHYSICIAN REFERRAL, AS NEEDED, SHALL BE
9 THE PRIMARY FACTOR IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO ISSUE,
10 REFUSE, OR ~~CANCEL~~ SUSPEND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE ~~UNLESS LAW ENFORCEMENT~~
11 ~~FILES A REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION OF THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT.~~

12 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS DISCRETION MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
13 ~~TESTING~~;

14 (1) DOCUMENTATION, WRITTEN STATEMENTS, OR OTHER MATERIALS
15 RELATED TO A DIAGNOSIS OF A LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT OR INDICATED ON
16 FORMS SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWING
17 DISCLOSURE; AND

18 (2) TESTING OF A LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES
19 NOTICE OF A DIAGNOSIS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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

23 (I) WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN REFUSED OR ~~SUSPENDED OR~~
24 ~~CANCELLED~~ DUE TO A DIAGNOSIS OF A MEDICAL CONDITION;

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (1) on or before December 1, 2026, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall
3 examine its current practices for medical case review;

4 (2) the examination shall consider current Administration practices in
5 comparison with industry best practices, including streamlining case review and using
6 electronic communication where permissible; and

7 (3) on or before December 1, 2026, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall
8 report its findings and recommendations under the examination, in accordance with §
9 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, including any changes
10 adopted or to be adopted by the Administration as a result of the examination.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.