

SENATE BILL 404

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By: Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Access to Digital Records – Baltimore City**
3 **Department of Housing and Community Development**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a digital
5 photographic image or signature available to the Special Investigations Unit of the
6 Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development or its
7 successor; and generally relating to access to Motor Vehicle Administration records.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 12-111

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 12-111.

17 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, “CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY” INCLUDES THE**
18 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF**
19 **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR ITS SUCCESSOR.**

20 (B) The Administration shall keep a record of each application or other document
21 filed with it and each certificate or other official document that it issues.

22 [(b)] (C) (1) Subject to § 4-320 of the General Provisions Article, and except
23 as otherwise provided by law, all records of the Administration are public records and open

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 to public inspection during office hours.

2 (2) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Administrator may
3 classify as confidential and not open to public inspection any record or record entry:

4 (i) That is over 5 years old; or

5 (ii) That relates to any happening that occurred over 5 years earlier.

6 (3) Subject to § 4-320 of the General Provisions Article, a record or record
7 entry of any age shall be open to inspection by authorized representatives of any federal,
8 State, or local governmental agency.

9 (4) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Administrator may not
10 open to public inspection any record or record entry that is:

11 (i) All or part of a licensed driver's public driving record; and

12 (ii) Over 3 years old.

13 (5) Subject to paragraph (6) of this subsection, the Administration may not
14 permit public inspection of a digital photographic image or signature of an individual, or
15 the actual stored data thereof, recorded by the Administration.

16 (6) The Administration may make a digital photographic image or
17 signature of an individual, or the actual stored data thereof, recorded by the Administration
18 available to:

19 (i) The courts;

20 (ii) Criminal justice agencies;

21 (iii) Driver license authorities;

22 (iv) The individual;

23 (v) The individual's attorney;

24 (vi) Third parties designated by the individual; and

25 (vii) The Child Support Administration.

26 [(c)] (D) Except for records required by law to be kept in their original or other
27 specified form, the Administrator may order any record of the Administration to be kept on
28 microfilm or in other microform, and the original destroyed.

29 [(d)] (E) Except for records required by law to be kept longer, the Administrator

1 may destroy any record of the Administration that it has kept for 3 years or more and that
2 the Administrator considers obsolete and unnecessary to the work of the Administration.

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