

CRAIG J. ZUCKER  
Legislative District 14  
Montgomery County

Budget and Taxation Committee

*Subcommittees*

Vice Chair, Capital Budget

Chair, Education, Business and  
Administration

Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 122  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3625 • 301-858-3625  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3625  
Fax 410-841-3618 • 301-858-3618  
Craig.Zucker@senate.state.md.us

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill- 885 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Records - Voluntary Disclosure of**  
**Developmental Disability**  
**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**  
**12:00pm**  
**Position: SUPPORT with Amendments**

Good afternoon Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support of Senate Bill 885 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Records - Voluntary Disclosure of Developmental Disability.**

As amended, Senate Bill 885 requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to design a voluntary developmental disability blue self-disclosure card. This is voluntary and prohibits the Administration from keeping records related to the issuance of the card. The Administration will consult with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and at least one independent organization that advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism.

Starting January 1, 2021, that Administration shall make a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card available to any individual of driving age who requests one. If the individual who requests a self-disclosure card is a minor, the administration shall provide the card to the individual's parent or guardian.

This legislation protects the safety of those with developmental disabilities in the event that said individual could not clearly explain their disability to an officer or first responder. This also provides law enforcement officials a much-needed resource to better perform their duties while protecting the safety of individuals who have a developmental disability.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 885. Thank you for your kind consideration.