

2025 HB 707 Vehicle Laws - Notification of Nonappa

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Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Support for House Bill 707
(Eric's ID Law)**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of more than 20,000 active and retired Maryland police officers to urge your support of HB707, (Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notification of Nonapparent Disability) Eric's ID Law.

Eric's ID law would enable applicants for licenses, identification cards, or moped operator's permits to indicate nonapparent disabilities on those forms of identification. The inclusion of a notation indicating a developmental or intellectual disability on an identification card would be a useful tool for public safety workers to quickly identify and assist members of our communities with nonapparent disabilities.

Maryland's law enforcement officers are focused on creating positive experiences and outcomes for those we serve, and passage of HB707 will aid us in that effort. We urge a favorable report on HB707.

Fraternally,

William R. "Will" Milam
First Vice President

Representing the Professional Police Officers of the State of Maryland

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February 11, 2025

VIA E-MAIL: jheanelle.wilkins@house.state.md.us

Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
131 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: **House Bill 707 – Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability**

Dear Delegate Wilkins,

I am writing to express and offer my support for the proposed "Eric's ID Law" that we expect will assist in the identification of individuals with "invisible disabilities" in circumstances where they may encounter law enforcement or first responders. As a law enforcement leader, I recognize the potential for misunderstanding between public safety professionals and individuals who may have physical, mental, and/or neurological conditions that are not visible from the outside but may limit or challenge their response during an encounter with law enforcement or first responders.

I have supported this proposed legislation in the past, and continue to support the 2025 version of the proposed law that contains additional enhancements – permitting feedback from the disability community on designation design, privacy protections and requiring the MVA to establish public outreach campaigns to inform the general public of the availability of this voluntary designation. Undoubtedly, allowing these persons to have a license, identification card or moped operators' permit with the designation of the invisible disability (i.e. autism, hearing impairment, etc.) will assist public safety members during encounters such as an unknown risk traffic stop, or other potentially volatile encounter. I applaud the efforts of Eric and Linda Carpenter-Grantham to address the safety concerns of these individuals with special needs and their interactions with law enforcement professionals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your steadfast efforts in advancing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff

cc: Senator William C. Smith, Jr.

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Good afternoon, my name is Sterling High, and I am testifying today as a former law enforcement officer and a father of two children with hidden disabilities to express my strong support for Eric's ID Law, HB707.

As someone who has served in law enforcement, I know that every encounter carries the potential for misunderstanding, especially when communication barriers exist. Officers are trained to assess situations quickly, but when a person's disability or condition isn't immediately visible, interactions can escalate unnecessarily. Eric's ID Law provides officers with a critical tool—a clear, voluntary designation on a Maryland ID or license—so they can recognize and appropriately respond to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The training included in this bill will not only improve outcomes for people with disabilities but will also help foster trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

As a father, I also know that parents of children with hidden disabilities live with a constant worry: What happens when I'm not there to explain my child's needs? What if they are misunderstood in a moment that could define their future? Eric's ID Law is not about special treatment—it's about equal treatment. It ensures that when my children, and so many others like them, go out into the community, they are treated with the respect, understanding, and grace they deserve.

I urge you to support HB707 because it is a commonsense, compassionate law that will improve interactions between law enforcement and individuals with disabilities. It benefits individuals, families, and officers alike, ensuring safer and more positive outcomes for all.

Thank you.

HB 707 Vehicles Laws - Licenses, ID Cards, Notatio

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of *House Bill 707–
Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator’s
Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric’s ID Law)*
House Environment and Transportation Committee
February 13, 2025**

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) serves as the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish community. We represent over 100 Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The JCRC is strongly committed to cultivating a society based on justice, tolerance and equity. We work throughout the region to advocate for our agencies that serve the most vulnerable residents and to campaign for important policy interests on behalf of the Jewish community and all Marylanders.

The JCRC has a long history of prioritizing the needs and rights of people with disabilities. Since our agency’s inception in 1938, we have been committed to supporting policy measures to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and break down barriers to inclusion.

House Bill 707, known as Eric’s ID Law, would create a **voluntary** designation (butterfly logo) on a Maryland license, identification card, or moped operator’s permit for those with non-apparent disabilities such as intellectual and developmental disabilities. The purpose of the bill is to enhance the safety of people with disabilities and provide an additional resource for law enforcement and first responders, helping them recognize and respond appropriately to individuals with non-apparent disabilities during interactions.

HB 707 has addressed previous concerns including requiring expedited training for law enforcement so that all officers are aware of the new designation and learn how to interact with an individual with a non-apparent disability. Additionally, this version of the Bill specifies that the Maryland Vehicle Administration may **not** use this information as grounds for referral to the Medical Advisory Board, nor as part of a records request by insurance companies. By creating this **voluntary** designation, we strive to ensure the health and safety of individuals with disabilities and their families, prevent stigma, and protect against targeted victimization. For these reasons, we support House Bill 707.

Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham - Written Testimon

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**To: Chairman Marc Korman and the Environment and Transportation
Committee**

From: Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham

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**BILL for HB0707 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped
Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (ERIC's ID LAW).**

**Position: I would like to request this BILL be favorable to have the OPTION to select this
voluntary choice for Maryland State ID.**

Written Testimony for Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham I am a 20-Year old African American male who is highly functioning autistic. I have been a Maryland citizen all of my life. I created special logos for AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" **BILL for HB0707- Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (ERIC's ID LAW). (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

for people with invisible disabilities. Like Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and Hidden Disabilities should people with invisible disabilities be stopped by Law Enforcement.

Bill Number: HB0707

**TITLE: Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits
- Identification of Nonapparent Disability (ERIC's ID LAW).**

I would like to tell you my story about how I began "ERIC's ID LAW". When George Floyd was killed. My mother sat down with me to have a talk if I ever get stopped by the Law Enforcement. My mother told me if the police ever stop me to put my hands up! Yell out "I have Autism!" and yell out "someone call my mom!" Yell out my mother's phone number! She told me DO NOT TRY TO GRAB MY PHONE! Because the police may think I am reaching for a gun.

I said Mom! – I can do that but the police would shoot my friends. I started to cry telling my

mom "WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING NOW!" My mother said – Let's think about this! My mother contacted former Chief of Police Robert J. Contee and we decided to meet with Chief Contee about doing a workshop with the police to teach people about autism/invisible disabilities.

I went to my mom and asked her to please take me to congress to meet with the former House Speaker, Mrs. Nancy Pelosi. I wanted to talk with her about my ideas for laws for people like me and my friends that have autism, brain injury, bipolar, hearing impaired and other hidden disabilities. My mother told me she is very proud of me and she would do her best to get me to congress so I can tell them about my ideas for laws.

We met with Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando, Evan Glass, Kate Stewart, Andrew Friedson, Dawn Luedtke, Prince George's County State's Attorney, Aisha Braveboy, Mayor Casheena Cross of Glenarden Maryland, Prince George's County Sheriff John Carr, Montgomery County Sheriff Maxwell Uy, Montgomery County Chief of Police Marcus Jones, Senator, Chris Van Hollen, Delegate Kym Taylor, Delegate Lesley Lopez, Senator Nick Charles, Senator Michael Jackson, Congressman David Trone, President Darryll Pines of UMD and Montgomery College. ALL of these people Approved of AKA "ERIC's ID LAW - **BILL for SB0618 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law). (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

On July 10, 2023 me and my mother met with our Maryland State Senator Will C. Smith. I told him about my concerns. If I ever get stopped by the police, I may not be able to communicate well when they tell me what to do. I told him about my friends that have autism and their autism is different for each one of my friends. One of my friends I am really concerned about his autism is very different and I am worried about his safety. Because if the police ever stop him, he would run and hide because he is scared. You cannot tell when you look at him that he has autism. I don't want the police to hurt him. I don't want my other friends that have autism to be scared and run because the police may hurt them.

*This is when I told my mother I wanted to put logos for autism, mental hearing, hearing impaired and hidden disabilities on the ID and driver license. Because when the police stop someone with an invisible disability this may make it safer for the person that has an invisible disability. When I told my story to Senator Will C. Smith, He said to me and mother that he is going to write the BILL for aka "ERIC's ID LAW". **BILL for HB0707- Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law). (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**. I would like to ask that this Law have the **OPTION FOR VOLUNTARY SELECTION**. Because I have researched that more people of color are more likely to being diagnosed with hidden disability than Caucasian people. According to Autism Speaks, Disabled individual are seven times more likely than others*

to interact with police, and 53% of autistic adults in 2019 study reported having had four or more interaction with police in their lifetime.

I hope "ERIC's ID LAW" will save lives for every race. It's not just about black people it's for ALL PEOPLE! I have noticed that some people that are NOT OF COLOR have tried to oppose this BILL. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY? This is a VOLUNTARY SELECTION! I wish we could ALL work together to save lives for people with invisible disabilities.

There are 19-States that have something on their ID's for people with invisible disabilities. Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, Washington State and many more.

I would like to ask ALL the State Senators and House of Delegates from the bottom of my heart to please pass **BILL for HB0707- Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law). (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)** Because we need change. If things don't change people with invisible disabilities will continue to be hurt and killed.

If this **BILL for HB0707- Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law). (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)** is passed we would like to use the **BUTTERFLY** for **HIDDEN DISABILITIES** on the **MARYLAND STATE ID**.

I have attached examples of "ERIC's ID LAW" logos on Dummy ID's. I have also attached statistics about people of color with autism and invisible disabilities being stopped by police. Me and my mother have submitted letters of support from the public to Senator Will C. Smith's Office.

PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGE TO SAVE LIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM AND INVISIBLE DISABILITIES. Kind regards

Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham

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Examples of Eric's ID Law Logos created by Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham

MARYLAND
Driver's License

DL 

Customer identifier: 07/07/1985
S-000-000-000-000

Family name: SAMPLE

Given names: JANE DIANE

Address: 123 ANY STREET
GLEN BURNIE MD 21062

Date of birth: 07/07/1985 Sex: F Height: 5-8" Weight: 132 Date of exp: 07/07/2023

Restrictions: Endorsements: Date of issue: 03/25/2016

 **AUTISTIC**

 **VETERAN**

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 **Mental Health**

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 **Hearing Impaired**

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 **HIDDEN DISABILITY**

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Statistics for the State Of Maryland & The United States Of America

According to United for Alice number of People With Disabilities in Maryland = 655,840
[financial hardship among people with disabilities:maryland United Way of the National Capital Area](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11/financial_hardship_among_people_with_disabilities:maryland) [https://unitedwaynca.org > uploads > 2022/11](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism. In Maryland, the prevalence is slightly higher, with 1 in 50 children being diagnosed.

[Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum ... Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/Prevalence_and_Characteristics_of_Autism_Spectrum...) [https://www.cdc.gov > mmwr > volumes](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes)

The estimates suggest that about 3% of Black, Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander children have an autism diagnosis, compared with about 2% of white kids.

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People under age 30 with disabilities are 44% more likely to be arrested by police.

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In the United States, 50 percent of people killed by law enforcement are disabled, and more than half of disabled African Americans have been arrested by the time they turn 28—double the risk in comparison to their white disabled counterparts.

[Understanding the Policing of Black, Disabled Bodies Center for American Progress](https://www.americanprogress.org)

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2022-01-12/pedestrian-traffic-stops-police-essential-california>

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[Report reveals who gets stopped by cops in California Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)

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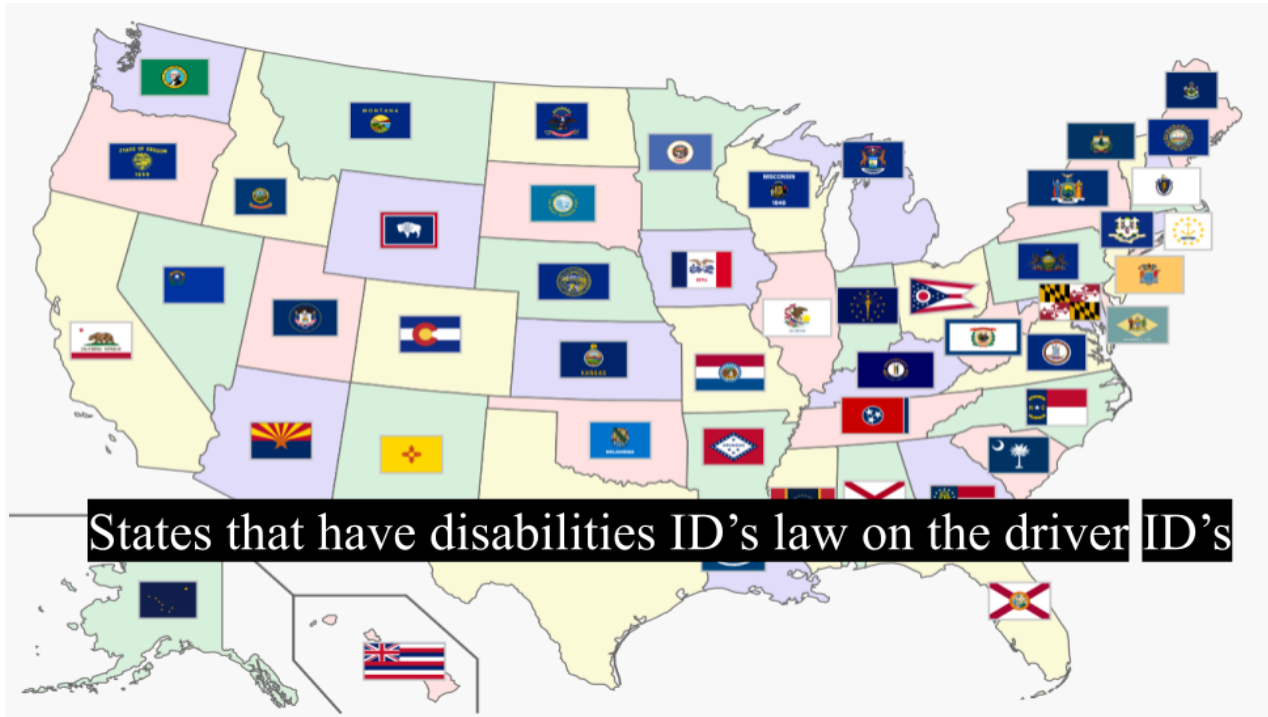
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Alaska

Introducing **NATIONAL Disability.iD**
 presented by
INVISIBLE DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION
 www.InvisibleDisabilities.org

Leading legislative efforts for an approved identifier on government IDs for voluntary disability disclosure.

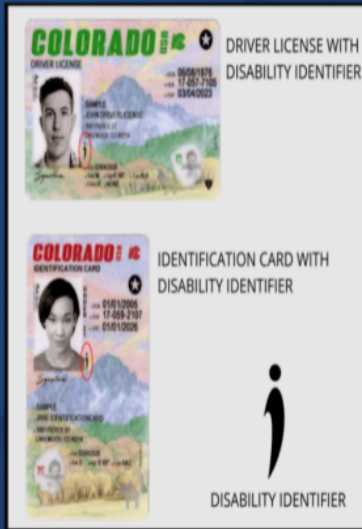
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PROOF OF CONCEPT:
 Alaska passes first USA legislation using the IDA logo/brand as the all-encompassing disability identifier on their Driver's License.

Watch for ongoing updates!

Link: <https://invisibledisabilities.org/ida-getting-the-word-out-about-invisible-disabilities/announcing-idas-national-disability-id-initiative/>

Colorado



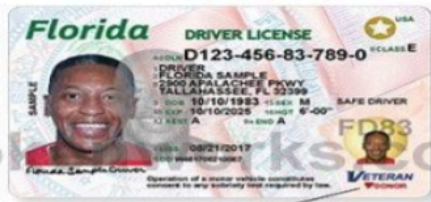
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<https://invisibleabilities.org/news/press-releases/disability-id-symbol-available-in-colorado/>

Florida



New Designations

- Veteran
- Organ Donor
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Developmentally Disabled (ID Only)



New Lifetime License Designations

Indicators always appear in the same order and location:

- Sportsman's
- Boater
- Freshwater
- Saltwater
- Hunting

Link:

<https://www.bestbuddies.org/florida/disability-designation-on-drivers-licenses>

Georgia



Application for Placement of Medical/Disability Information on License/Permit/Identification Card

SECTION I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

SECTION II – DISABILITY SYMBOL AND SEATING/TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

1. Does the above-named individual have a permanent disability as defined by OCGA §40-5-170(1)?
 Yes No
2. Please indicate if a Transportation and/or Seating indicator is needed on the DDS document (license, permit, or identification card) for the above-named individual (available only if "YES" is indicated in question #1).
 Transportation Seating

SECTION III – MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Please select up to a maximum of seven (7) of the conditions listed below which apply to the customer (this information will be placed on the back of the document issued by DDS at the request of the customer).

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTSD | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injury |

SECTION IV – Must be completed by a Licensed Medical Doctor if any items selected in Section II or III are requested because of a permanent disability or medical condition that is not obvious.

Printed Name of Medical Doctor _____ Doctor's Medical License Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Signature of Licensed Medical Doctor _____ Date _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

DDS-29 Revised (3/23/2011)

Link:

<https://dds.georgia.gov/how-do-i-handicap-id>

Eligibility for Placement of the Disability or medical information

must be verified by a medical

doctor on the [Certificate of Eligibility \(Form DDS-29\)](#)

unless the permanent disability

is obvious. Any person old

enough to sign their name, or

make a mark indicating their

legal signature can apply.

Iowa

[Optional driver's license or ID card designations - Iowa DOT](#)

[iowa Department of Transportation \(.gov\)](http://iowadot.gov)
<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Optional.dri>



Iowa allows individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to add an optional indicator to their driver's license or ID card to help avoid miscommunication and negative interactions:

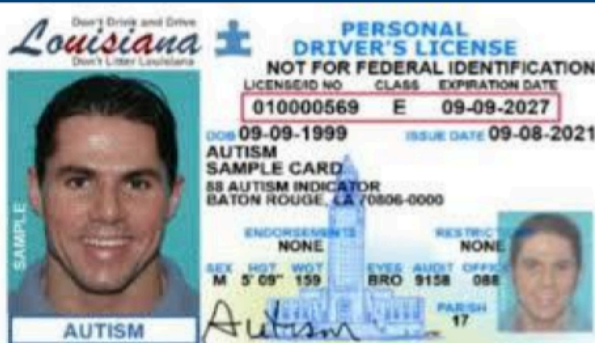
- **Indicator:** The word "autism" can be added to the front of the card.
- **Visibility:** The indicator is also visible in the database used by law enforcement.
- **Voluntary:** The indicator is not a restriction on driving privileges.
- **Request:** The request can be made during an in-person or online issuance transaction.

The state of Iowa also allows individuals with ASD to add a Medical Alert designation to their license.

This designation appears in red bold letters on the bottom right corner of the license. The individual can choose how to share this information. While some individuals with ASD may face challenges while driving, it is achievable with proper training and preparation.

This is a voluntary indicator and is not a restriction of driving privileges.

Louisiana



[ID cards that indicate Autism Spectrum Disorder now ...](#)

[WAFB](https://www.wafb.com)
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Section 32:403.3 - Identification stickers and decals; deaf and ... Casetext - CoCounsel

<https://casetext.com> > chapter-2-drivers-license-law > se...

Mississippi

Mississippi residents can request an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) indicator on their driver's license or ID through the DPS Driver Service Bureau. Mississippi residents with a medical disability can receive a disability identification card with a symbol on it to indicate their disability. The symbol can indicate that the person is diabetic, hearing impaired, or requires a disability ID. To get the card, individuals must complete a Physician Certification Form and return it to a Driver Service Bureau Station. If the applicant already has an ID card and wants to add the symbol, they will need to pay a \$11 duplicate fee.

Link:

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/node/302#:~:text=Physician%20Certification%20Form%20is%20used,at%20any%20Driver%20Service%20location>

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/node/302>

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/CRED01b-DL%20APPLICATION12-20.pdf>



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Michigan

Michigan residents with autism can add a voluntary communication impediment designation to their driver's license, state ID, or vehicle registration:

What it is

The designation informs law enforcement about communication needs in the event of a traffic stop or emergency. It appears on the Law Enforcement Information Network, but not on the driver's license or ID.

Who can apply

Anyone with autism, deafness, hearing impairment, or another medical condition that makes communication difficult can apply.

How to apply

Complete the BFS-250 form and have it certified by a Michigan-licensed medical professional. The form can be mailed, faxed, emailed, or processed in person at a Secretary of State office. There is no fee.

Benefits

The designation can help create safer interactions with law enforcement. For example, police can be more understanding and use sensory-friendly approaches, such as less light and sound, and more distance. It can also be important in a medical emergency, as medical professionals may be more cautious about triggers and sensory concerns.

[Michiganders On Autism Spectrum Can Now Add Special](https://www.wkar.org/news/michiganders-on-autism-...)

[WKAR Public Media <https://www.wkar.org> > news/michiganders-on-autism-...](https://www.wkar.org/news/michiganders-on-autism-...)

[DPSS Supports New State Bill for Autism and](https://news.dpss.umich.edu/2021/04)

[Policing - NEWSUniversity of Michigan](https://news.dpss.umich.edu/2021/04)

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Missouri

In Missouri, a "permanent disability indicator" can be added to a driver's license or non-driver ID upon request, appearing on the back of the card, signifying that the holder has a permanent disability; to obtain this indicator, a medical statement from a licensed healthcare professional is required.

Key points about Missouri disability indicators on driver's licenses:

How to add it:

When applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate license, you can request to have the disability indicator added.

Medical verification:

A physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or other authorized licensed healthcare practitioner must complete a medical statement to verify the permanent disability.

No additional cost:

Adding the disability indicator does not incur extra fees.

Purpose:

This indicator is intended to alert emergency personnel about a person's permanent disability.

Permanent Disability Indicator

[FAQs Missouri Department of Revenue](https://dor.mo.gov/faq/driver-license/permanent-d...)

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New Hampshire

a person with autism can add an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) indication to their driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card in New Hampshire.

- To add the indication, you can complete the Medically Recognized Disorder Indication form on the New Hampshire DMV website.
- A licensed physician must sign the form.
- You can drop off the form at a New Hampshire DMV dropbox.
- There is no additional cost to add the indication during a renewal.
- If you add the indication outside of a renewal period, there is a \$3 fee for a replacement license or ID card.
- If the name of the disorder is longer than 25 characters, only the abbreviation will appear on the ID.

[Identifying Disability On a Driver's License Community Crossroads](https://communitycrossroadsnh.org)

<https://communitycrossroadsnh.org> > [identifying-disabil...](#)

North Carolina

North Carolina will allow a voluntary driver's license designation for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will enter the designation into the driver's license record, instead of a unique symbol on the license.

The applicant must provide verification or documentation of their ASD diagnosis.

Law enforcement will receive training on the designation and how to interact with people with ASD.

There will be a process for voluntarily removing the designation.

[HB 581 – Drivers License Designation/Autism](#)

[North Carolina Medical Society](#)
<https://ncmedsoc.org> >
[hb-581-drivers-license-designati...](#)

New Jersey

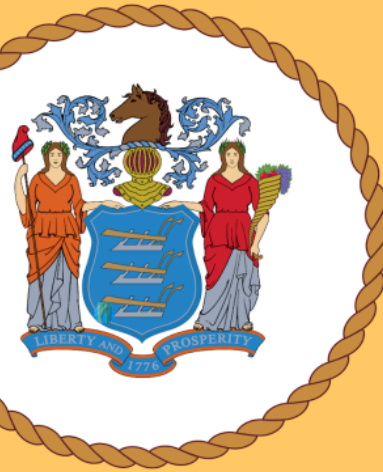
The legislation, S761, allows people to indicate that they have a communication disorder on their license or government identification card. "This law is a victory for people with autism and their families," Murphy said in a statement after he signed the bill into law Monday, May 18, 2023

Link: [NJ drivers licenses autism note can be included under law](#)

Bergen Record <https://www.northjersey.com/news/state/2023/05/18>

Link: [Governor Signs Bill to Identify Autism on New Jersey ... Autism NJ https://autismnj.org/news/governor-signs-bill-to-id...](#)

Link: <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/state/2023/05/18/nj-drivers-licenses-autism-law-police-stops/70228693007/>



Nevada



[Nev. adds 'Star of Life' to driver's licenses to highlight medical conditions](#)

According to the DMV's release, conditions eligible for a "Star of Life" symbol include vision impairment, chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, autism, deafness, depression, diabetes, epilepsy, hemophilia, schizophrenia, mental illness, food allergies and more.



Oklahoma

NEW HOUSE BILL HELPS DISABLED OKLAHOMA DRIVERS

House Bill 2516 goes into effect Nov. 1, making it easier for drivers with disabilities to communicate with law enforcement during a traffic stop.

Tuesday, October 29th 2019

Link: [New House Bill Helps Disabled Oklahoma Drivers](#)



OKLAHOMA

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles
Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition

447-CAD
(Rev. 6/2013)

Section 1 - General Cadeuceus Medical Symbol Information

Pursuant to SC Code §56-1-60, you may provide the SCDMV with up to three medical conditions that will be noted by a cadeuceus medical symbol displayed on the back of your non-commercial SC beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card.

The cadeuceus medical symbol will not be placed on a commercial learner's permit (CLP), or commercial driver's license (CDL).

The medical condition(s) must be made available to law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital personnel, the Medical Advisory Board pursuant to SC Code §56-1-221, and permitted entities pursuant to the Driver Privacy Protection Act, 16 U.S.C.A. §2721.

The SCDMV will not use the information you provide on this form to start any review of your fitness to drive. If a review of your fitness to drive occurs due to other triggers, then the information provided on this form may be used as part of that review process.

This process can only be completed at an SCDMV branch.

Section 2 - Applicant's Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
(Area Code) Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SC Driver's License, Identification Card or Beginner's Permit Number: _____

I certify that this information is true and correct, and I understand that I am receiving an SC beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card based on the information provided on the accompanying Application for a Beginner's Permit, Driver's License, or Identification Card (Form 447-NC) which will also reflect my voluntary disclosure of selected medical conditions. Further, if I am disclosing medical condition(s) in Section Four, I authorize my licensed physician named below to release the information requested in Section Four to the SCDMV.

Signature of Applicant _____ Printed Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Section 3 - Disclosing Medical Conditions and Adding Cadeuceus, Removing Medical Conditions on File

Disclose one or more medical conditions/Add cadeuceus to your card. (Requires Physician's Signature in Section 4)

Remove medical conditions previously disclosed. If you remove all medical conditions, the cadeuceus will also be removed. I wish to remove the following medical conditions (list below): _____

Section 4 - Physician's Statement

A physician licensed in this State as defined in Chapter 43, Title 40 must complete the following section. Completing this section means that the physician has the selected medical condition(s). This is only for the voluntary disclosure of medical condition(s) to the SCDMV. The SCDMV will not disclose this information to the applicant's card if you sign below.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY AN SC-LICENSED PHYSICIAN

This is to certify that _____ has been diagnosed with the following medical condition(s): _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's	<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Neuroimmune Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures
<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> COPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Infection Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke
<input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Renal Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourette's Syndrome

I certify that I am a Licensed Physician. SC Physician License Number: _____ Physician Office Phone Number: _____

Print Name of Physician: _____ Signature of Physician: _____ Date: _____

The SCDMV Form 447-CAD is used when an individual wishes to voluntarily disclose a medical condition to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. This form allows individuals to provide information about their medical condition, treatment, and any restrictions or accommodations needed while operating a vehicle. The form also includes a section for the individual's healthcare provider to certify the medical condition.

This form is important for individuals who have a medical condition that may affect their driving ability. By voluntarily disclosing this information, the SCDMV can assess whether any restrictions or accommodations are necessary to ensure safe driving. It is crucial to provide accurate and thorough information on this form to enable the SCDMV to make informed decisions regarding the individual's driving privileges.

[Preview attachment 447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
[447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
215 KB

Texas



Link: <https://wrongplanet.net/forums/vi/ewtopic.php?t=352455>

Link: <https://www.aspergers101.com/driving-autism-communication-impediments/>

Texans now have the option to disclose “Communication Impediment” directly on the front of their Driver License or State ID or when registering their vehicle through the DMV. This will alert the trained officer of an individual who may be slower to respond or one who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Virginia

[JP's Law Passed To Protect All People With Special Needs](#)

[Autism Parenting Magazine
https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/protect-peo...](https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/protect-peo...)

[Virginia Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards](#)

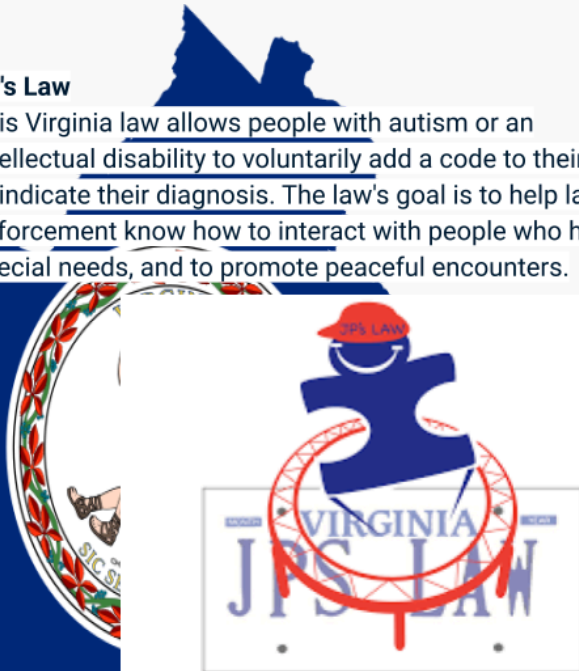
[Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services \(.gov\)
https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/part_02_jps_law](https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/part_02_jps_law)

[JPs Law/SB367](#)

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JP's Law

This Virginia law allows people with autism or an intellectual disability to voluntarily add a code to their ID to indicate their diagnosis. The law's goal is to help law enforcement know how to interact with people who have special needs, and to promote peaceful encounters.



Washington State

NEW!

Medical Designations

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Medical Condition

Developmental Disability

WA WASHINGTON ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE

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SAMPLE JANE

DOB 01/06/1978 EXP 12/04/2024

123 STREET ADDRESS YOUR CITY WA 99999-0000

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Link:

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/washington-drivers-license-designations-medical-symbols/281-d5024acc-f9d9-4284-8f97-4c33fe5bd981>

Jan. 1 2022, citizens who lives in washington state can choose to add one or more symbols to their ID showing they have a medical condition, developmental disability or are deaf or hard of hearing.

Washington D.C (District of Columbia)

Yes, you can add a disability designation to your driver's license or ID card in Washington, DC:

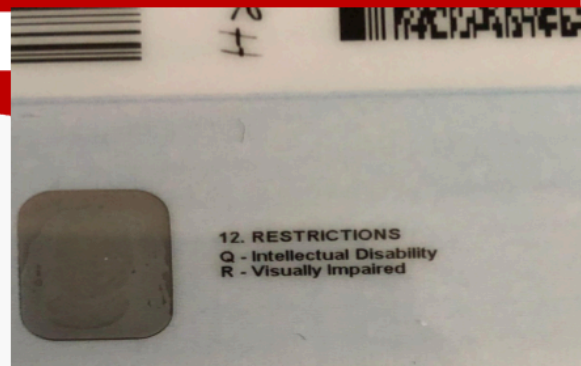
REAL ID driver's license

You can add a special designation indicator for a disability such as autism, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, or visual impairment.

Limited Purpose driver's license

You can add a special designation indicator for a disability, as well as an organ donation designation. You can also add or remove disability and medical designations from your driver's license or ID card system. These designations can provide first responders with information about how you communicate or if you have a condition that could affect a health emergency.

Driver License/Identification Card Application (English)



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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 707

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “notation;” insert “requiring the Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant’s nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances;”; in line 12, strike “to” and substitute “in a”; and in the same line, strike “entities” and substitute “manner under certain circumstances”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 29, strike “AND”.

On page 4, in line 1, after “(4)” insert “DELETE ANY RECORD OF AN INDIVIDUAL’S NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION ON REQUEST BY THE INDIVIDUAL AT ANY TIME; AND

(5)”;

in line 16, after “ARTICLE” insert “AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION”; in the same line, after “DISCLOSE” insert “FOR ANY USE WITHOUT A COURT ORDER”; in the same line, strike “INDICATION” and substitute “:

(I) INDICATION”;

strike beginning with “IN” in line 18 down through “ADMINISTRATION” in line 20; after line 20, insert:

“(II) REQUEST TO REMOVE AN INDICATION OF A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY FROM A LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMIT; OR”;

and in line 24, after “(F)” insert “THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (E)(3) AVAILABLE TO:

- (1) A COURT;
- (2) A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY;
- (3) A DRIVER LICENSING AUTHORITY;
- (4) THE APPLICANT;
- (5) THE APPLICANT’S ATTORNEY;
- (6) ANY THIRD PARTY DESIGNATED BY THE APPLICANT; OR
- (7) THE CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION.

(G)”.

HB707 Eric's ID Law Testimony, Delegate Wilkins 20

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February 13, 2025

HB707 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present **House Bill 707, Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)**.

Eric's ID Law would create a voluntary designation on a Maryland license, identification card, or moped operator's permit for those with non-apparent disabilities, such as intellectual and developmental disabilities. The bill aims to enhance the safety of people with disabilities and provide an additional resource for law enforcement and first responders, helping them recognize and respond appropriately to individuals with non-apparent disabilities during interactions.

In 2013, Ethan Saylor, a young man with a developmental disability, was killed by off-duty police officers who used excessive force to remove Ethan from a movie theatre. As a result of Ethan's tragic death, the Ethan Saylor Alliance was passed in April 2015. The Ethan Saylor Alliance aims to enhance training for law enforcement and public service entities regarding the specific needs of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Building on this critical and ongoing work, Eric's ID Law would allow those with an intellectual or developmental disability to have an extra resource readily available when interacting with law enforcement and other first responders. This designation would allow law enforcement and other first responders to recognize that they would need to interact differently with an individual with this designation. I urge the committee to give a **favorable report** for **House Bill 707, Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jheanelle Wilkins".

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins

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HB707: Erik's ID Law

Kyla Clark, Council Member and Council President for The City of Laurel

Time: 2 minutes 6 seconds

Thank you, Chair and members of the Committee. My name is Kyla Clark, Council Member and Council President for The City of Laurel, and I am here today to urge your support for Eric's ID Law, HB707.

Every day across Maryland, individuals with non-apparent disabilities face moments of crisis where they're unable to explain their condition to law enforcement or first responders. These are moments where confusion can quickly escalate to tragedy.

Now, think about someone you know with an intellectual disability being pulled over for a routine traffic stop, all of a sudden, their anxiety starts making it difficult for them to follow commands. Or better yet, consider your neighbor or parent experiencing a medical emergency, unable to effectively communicate their needs to first responders.

Eric's ID Law creates a simple, voluntary designation on Maryland licenses and ID cards that could provide critical information in these moments of crisis. What makes this bill remarkable is its thoughtful approach – it protects privacy, ensures there's no cost barrier, and requires immediate training for law enforcement.

I want to emphasize – this isn't just about adding a symbol to an ID card. This is about giving our law enforcement and first responders the tools that they need to better serve our community, while adding an additional layer of protection for loved ones during critical interactions.

The City of Laurel, that I'm proud to represent, recently shared a powerful example. We described someone that we know with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy who appeared physically capable but couldn't comply with an officer's commands or explain why if they needed to. These are the real-life situations where this designation could make all the difference.

In closing, this bill represents our collective opportunity to make Maryland the state that we love, safer and more inclusive for everyone. So, I urge you, I urge you, to vote in favor of HB707. Thank you for your time today.

Linda Carpenter-Grantham's - Written Testimony for

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February 13, 2025

To: Chairman Marc Korman-Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Linda K. Carpenter-Grantham (Mother of Eric Blessed Carpenter

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BILL for HB707-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW". (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)

Position: I would like to request this BILL be favorable to have the OPTION to select this voluntary choice for Maryland State ID.

Written Testimony for Linda K. Carpenter-Grantham, Mother of 20-Year Old son Eric Blessed Carpenter Grantham who is highly functioning autistic for future law for AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" for people with invisible disabilities. Such as Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and ALL Hidden Disabilities.

Bill Number: HB707

TITLE: Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW"

I am a single mother of an amazing 20-Year old son Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham who is highly functioning autistic. We also have our own non-profit titled: THE BLUE RUNWAY FOR AUTISM. We partner with MACY's and Law Enforcement to host fashion shows for people with autism/special needs. We also have our "DRESSED IN BLUE" workshop where we engage with the police on interacting with a person with invisible disabilities like autism, mental health and hearing impaired/special needs.

When George Floyd was killed. I realize that I have an African American son with an invisible disability that cannot be seen. Should my son be stopped by Law Enforcement could be very concerning for his life. There is always the possibility that my son may not be able to follow the command that would be given to him at that time. Depending on his ability to comprehend fully and being fearful at that time. Eric also has sensory issues, which means his hearing, touch, taste and smell are heightened.

This means that if other high pitch noises, lights, smells and touching could redirect his attention away from the command that is being requested at that time. Eric also has heart disease. He had heart bypass surgery April 13, 2016 and He has asthma. Whenever he gets

high stress levels he will complain of chest pains, heart skipping beats and sometimes feeling a little short of breath. This is also concerning should he be stopped by Law Enforcement and become fearful.

When creating a scenario for Eric to understand telling him if Law Enforcement should stop him. Put your hands up, don't reach for your cell phone to call me (his first instinct is to call me for everything) YELL OUT! – I HAVE AUTISM! YELL OUT CALL MY MOTHER! – YELL OUT MY CELL PHONE NUMBER! – Eric's reply was "Mom – I can do that! But the police would shoot my friends"

Eric started to cry. He said with such urgency "Mom – We Gotta DO SOMETHING! Because Eric has always had a passion for GOD and Politics. He asked me to take him to congress to speak with former House Speaker Mrs. Nancy Pelosi. He said he wanted to talk with her regarding laws that would protect himself and his friends that have autism/invisible disabilities. I told him I am very proud of him and that I would do my best to get him there.

Eric said "Mom! I have an idea." Can I put the logo on the ID and Driver's license for Autism, Mental Health, Hearing Impaired and the Butterfly for Hidden Disabilities. We drew the art work of the (A-for Autism, Silhouette of the Head with a lighter green heart, Ear with sound bars, Butterfly with Black Border and distinctive colors in the wings that represent the colors for invisible disabilities in the ribbon. **BILL for HB707-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent AKA "ERIC's ID LAW" (THIS WOULD BE A VOLUNTARY SELECTION)**

I contacted Senator Chris Van Hollen's Office. We met with the Senator March 29, 2023 and he loved the idea. He appointed his legislative aid Ijeoma Egekeze to assist us with writing the proposal for the future **BILL for HB707-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW"**. I contacted Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy to meet with her March 21, 2023 and hear what she thought about "ERIC's ID LAW". She was very supportive. She stated "ERIC's ID LAW" could be used in her line of work.

I also contacted Prince George's Sheriff John Carr, Montgomery County Sheriff Maxwell Uy, Montgomery County Chief of Police Marcus Jones, Montgomery County Councilmembers Will Jawando, Kate Stewart, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass and Congressman David Trone. They were ALL in agreement with "ERIC's ID LAW".

I contacted our Maryland State Senator Will C. Smith to request a meeting with him regarding this becoming a BILL. We met on July 10, 2023 Senator Smith was very positive about this becoming a BILL. Eric explained to him why this was very important, that He and his friends that are people of color and have autism, they need to have something on their

ID that states they have an invisible disability should they be stopped by Law Enforcement. Eric explained to the Senator how concerned he is for all people but especially people of color being stopped by Law Enforcement and having autism/invisible disabilities. How many people of color with invisible disabilities are being hurt, harmed and killed by Law Enforcement.

Senator Will C. Smith was excited to inform me and Eric that he would write the BILL for **BILL for HB707-Vehicle Laws -Licenses, Identification of Nonapparent Disability AKA "ERIC's ID LAW"**.

I scheduled a meeting with Ms. Jessica Mettles for May 18, 2023 at 11am. At Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration to discuss the possibilities of MVA applying "ERIC's ID LAW Logos to the Maryland State ID and Driver's License. The attendees were Linda Carpenter-Grantham, Eric Carpenter-Grantham, Prince Georges County Sheriff John Carr, MVA Staff Jessica Mettle, April King, Adrienne Diaczok and Joseph Hargrove. April King, Director of Legislative Affairs, was not open to this request. She informed us that they are using their BLUE CARD for Developmental Disabilities that they implemented in 2020.

Her request to me was if I could hold off on "ERIC's ID LAW" and give them a chance to get the BLUE CARD out due to covid. It was a true insult to ask me to hold off on my son's mission to save lives for people like himself and others like him until she could get the BLUE CARD completely out.

We also met with the Secretary of Disabilities Carol Beatty, Rachel London, Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, Ethan Saylor Alliance Steering Committee on October 11, 2023 at 10am. Attendees for that meeting were Ms. Saylor, Stephanie Jones, Sdolamore, Katherine Follin, Robert Wagner, E Benevides, Tomgene Curtis, My Three Wheels, Kendall F, Kimberly McKay, Jennifer Eastman. Pathfinder for Autism.

Eric and I presented "ERIC's ID LAW" to everyone who attended the meeting. I explained in detail how this is a voluntary selection. Eric explained how important this is to him for himself and his friends and others in the world to be safe should you get stopped by law enforcement.

I remember the question being asked "What is we want from them"? I said "We would love your support for "ERIC's ID LAW". We can ALL work together to help save lives. NO ONE said anything! This is when I knew "ERIC's ID LAW" was NOT welcomed with this group who happens to be ALL Caucasian people.

This was a moment that really hurt and was very disappointing. I never taught my son Eric to see color. I teach him to see character. GOD's word says love your neighbor! He didn't say Love your black neighbor or gay neighbor! - He said your NEIGHBOR! That means ALL

PEOPLE!

I pray this BILL is passed for "ERIC's ID LAW" to help save lives for ALL people that have an encounter with Law Enforcement. I also hope that it serves as a communication tool within the community. I hope that any place that you requires ID will be able to serve the person that needs assistance with "ERIC's ID LAW".

I want my son to feel a sense of security with this being on his ID that he will get the help that is needed to assist him. I am asking the favorable choice to pass this BILL because it is definitely needed.

Kind regards

Linda Kim Carpenter-Grantham

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Examples of Eric's ID Law Logos created by Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham

MARYLAND
Driver's License

DL

Customer identifier: S-000-000-000-000

Family name: SAMPLE

Given names: JANE DIANE

Address: 123 ANY STREET
GLEN BURNIE MD 21062

Date of birth: 07/07/1985 Sex: F Height: 5-8" Weight: 132 Date of exp: 07/07/2023

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Statistics for the State Of Maryland & The United States Of America

According to United for Alice number of People With Disabilities in Maryland = 655,840
[financial hardship among people with disabilities:maryland United Way of the National Capital Area](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11/financial_hardship_among_people_with_disabilities:maryland) [https://unitedwaynca.org > uploads > 2022/11](https://unitedwaynca.org/uploads/2022/11)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism. In Maryland, the prevalence is slightly higher, with 1 in 50 children being diagnosed.

[Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum ... Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes) [https://www.cdc.gov > mmwr > volumes](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes)

The estimates suggest that about 3% of Black, Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander children have an autism diagnosis, compared with about 2% of white kids.

[Autism now more common in Black, Latino children than white ... NBC News](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/autism-now-comm...)
[https://www.nbcnews.com > news > autism-now-comm...](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/autism-now-comm...)

In Maryland, Black and Asian or Pacific Islander children were two times more likely to be identified with ASD as Hispanic and white children.

[CDC Report Shows Overall and Maryland Autism Rate ... Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...) [https://publichealth.jhu.edu > cdc-report-shows-overall-a...](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...)

Black children in Maryland were more likely to have ASD than white children.

[CDC Report Shows Overall and Maryland Autism Rate ...](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/cdc-report-shows-overall-a...)

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People under age 30 with disabilities are 44% more likely to be arrested by police.

[People With Disabilities More Likely to Be Arrested Social Work Today Magazine](https://www.socialworktoday.com)

<https://www.socialworktoday.com> › news

In the United States, 50 percent of people killed by law enforcement are disabled, and more than half of disabled African Americans have been arrested by the time they turn 28—double the risk in comparison to their white disabled counterparts.

[Understanding the Policing of Black, Disabled Bodies Center for American Progress](https://www.americanprogress.org)

<https://www.americanprogress.org> › article › understand...

According to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, people with I/DD are often misjudged by police and the general public because their disabilities are invisible.

[Interacting With Police If You Have a Disability](https://policebrutalitycenter.org)

[Police Brutality Center https://policebrutalitycenter.org](https://policebrutalitycenter.org) › interacting-with-police-...

According to Autism Speaks, disabled individuals are seven times more likely than others to interact with police, and 53 percent of autistic adults in a 2019 study reported having had four or more interactions with police in their lifetime.

[Interacting With Police If You Have a Disability Police Brutality Center](https://policebrutalitycenter.org)

<https://policebrutalitycenter.org> › interacting-with-police-...

Officers perceived 1.2% of the people they stopped to have one or more disabilities.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2022-01-12/pedestrian-traffic-stops-police-essential-california>

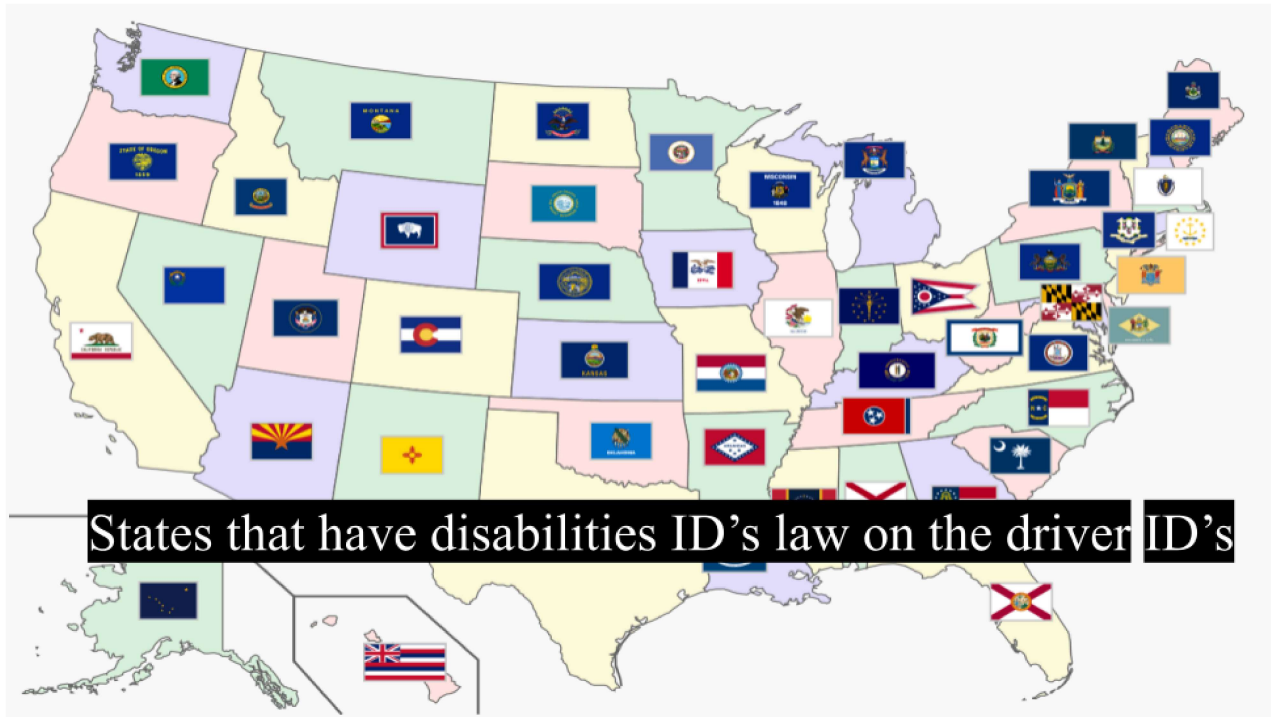
Boys are nearly 4 times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. Autism prevalence is lower among white children than other racial and ethnic groups: White – 2.4% Black – 2.9%

[Report reveals who gets stopped by cops in California Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)

<https://www.latimes.com> › california › newsletter › ped...

Charles County Maryland Police Department stop paralyzed man

 Cops Degrade Paralyzed Man During Traffic Stop



Alaska

Introducing **NATIONAL Disability.iD**
 presented by
INVISIBLE DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION
 www.InvisibleDisabilities.org

Leading legislative efforts for an approved identifier on government IDs for voluntary disability disclosure.

APPROVED

PROOF OF CONCEPT:
 Alaska passes first USA legislation using the IDA logo/brand as the all-encompassing disability identifier on their Driver's License.

Watch for ongoing updates!

Link: <https://invisibledisabilities.org/ida-getting-the-word-out-about-invisible-disabilities/announcing-idas-national-disability-id-initiative/>

Colorado



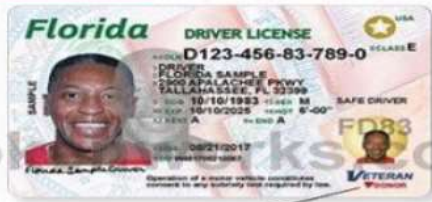
Link:

<https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/new-dmv-identification-options-to-help-communicate-disabilities-in-emergency-situations>

Link:

<https://invisible disabilities.org/news/press-releases/disability-id-symbol-available-in-colorado/>

Florida



New Designations

- Veteran
- Organ Donor
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Developmentally Disabled (ID Only)



New Lifetime License Designations

Indicators always appear in the same order and location:

- Sportsman's
- Boater
- Freshwater
- Saltwater
- Hunting

Link:

<https://www.bestbuddies.org/florida/disability-designation-on-drivers-licenses>

Georgia



Application for Placement of Medical/Disability Information on License/Permit/Identification Card

SECTION I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

SECTION II – DISABILITY SYMBOL AND SEATING/TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

- Does the above-named individual have a permanent disability as defined by OCGA §40-5-170(1)?
 Yes No
- Please indicate if a Transportation and/or Seating indicator is needed on the DDS document (license, permit, or identification card) for the above-named individual (available only if "YES" is indicated in question #1).
 Transportation Seating

SECTION III – MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Please select up to a maximum of seven (7) of the conditions listed below which apply to the customer (this information will be placed on the back of the document issued by DDS at the request of the customer).

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTSD | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injury |

SECTION IV – Must be completed by a Licensed Medical Doctor if any items selected in Section II or III are requested because of a permanent disability or medical condition that is not obvious.

Printed Name of Medical Doctor _____ Doctor's Medical License Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Signature of Licensed Medical Doctor _____ Date _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

DDS-29 Revised (3/23/2013)

Link:

<https://dds.georgia.gov/how-do-i-handicap-id>

Eligibility for Placement of the Disability or medical information

must be verified by a medical

doctor on the [Certificate of Eligibility \(Form DDS-29\)](#)

unless the permanent disability

is obvious. Any person old

enough to sign their name, or

make a mark indicating their

legal signature can apply.

Iowa

[Optional driver's license or ID card designations - Iowa DOT](#)

[iowa Department of Transportation \(.gov\)](http://iowadot.gov)
<https://iowadot.gov/myd/driver-services/Optional-dri>



Iowa allows individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to add an optional indicator to their driver's license or ID card to help avoid miscommunication and negative interactions:

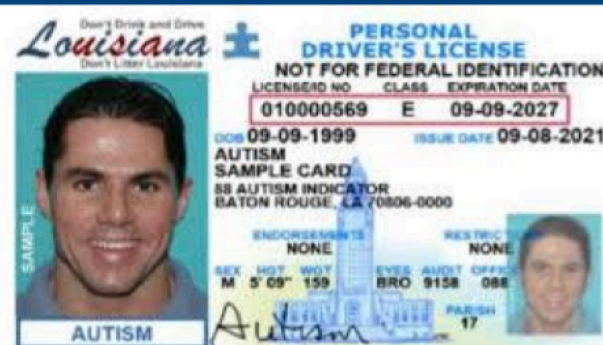
- **Indicator:** The word "autism" can be added to the front of the card.
- **Visibility:** The indicator is also visible in the database used by law enforcement.
- **Voluntary:** The indicator is not a restriction on driving privileges.
- **Request:** The request can be made during an in-person or online issuance transaction.

The state of Iowa also allows individuals with ASD to add a Medical Alert designation to their license.

This designation appears in red bold letters on the bottom right corner of the license. The individual can choose how to share this information. While some individuals with ASD may face challenges while driving, it is achievable with proper training and preparation.

This is a voluntary indicator and is not a restriction of driving privileges.

Louisiana



[ID cards that indicate Autism Spectrum Disorder now ...](#)

WAFB
<https://www.wafb.com>
2023/01/09 > id-cards-that-ind...

Section 32:403.3 - Identification stickers and decals; deaf and ... Casetext - CoCounsel

<https://casetext.com> > chapter-2-drivers-license-law > se...

Mississippi

Mississippi residents can request an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) indicator on their driver's license or ID through the DPS Driver Service Bureau. Mississippi residents with a medical disability can receive a disability identification card with a symbol on it to indicate their disability. The symbol can indicate that the person is diabetic, hearing impaired, or requires a disability ID. To get the card, individuals must complete a Physician Certification Form and return it to a Driver Service Bureau Station. If the applicant already has an ID card and wants to add the symbol, they will need to pay a \$11 duplicate fee.

Link:
<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/node/302#:~:text=Physician%20Certification%20Form%20is%20used,at%20any%20Driver%20Service%20location>

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/node/302>

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/CRED01b-DL%20APPLICATION12-20.pdf>



INSTITUTE FOR DISABILITY STUDIES
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Michigan

Michigan residents with autism can add a voluntary communication impediment designation to their driver's license, state ID, or vehicle registration:

What it is

The designation informs law enforcement about communication needs in the event of a traffic stop or emergency. It appears on the Law Enforcement Information Network, but not on the driver's license or ID.

Who can apply

Anyone with autism, deafness, hearing impairment, or another medical condition that makes communication difficult can apply.

How to apply

Complete the BFS-250 form and have it certified by a Michigan-licensed medical professional. The form can be mailed, faxed, emailed, or processed in person at a Secretary of State office. There is no fee.

Benefits

The designation can help create safer interactions with law enforcement. For example, police can be more understanding and use sensory-friendly approaches, such as less light and sound, and more distance. It can also be important in a medical emergency, as medical professionals may be more cautious about triggers and sensory concerns.

[Michiganders On Autism Spectrum Can Now Add Special](https://www.wkar.org/news/michiganders-on-autism-...)

[WKAR Public Media <https://www.wkar.org> > news.michiganders-on-autism-...](https://www.wkar.org/news/michiganders-on-autism-...)

[DPSS Supports New State Bill for Autism and](https://news.dpss.umich.edu/2021/04)

[Policing - NEWSUniversity of Michigan](https://news.dpss.umich.edu/2021/04)

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Missouri

In Missouri, a "permanent disability indicator" can be added to a driver's license or non-driver ID upon request, appearing on the back of the card, signifying that the holder has a permanent disability; to obtain this indicator, a medical statement from a licensed healthcare professional is required.

Key points about Missouri disability indicators on driver's licenses:

How to add it:

When applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate license, you can request to have the disability indicator added.

Medical verification:

A physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or other authorized licensed healthcare practitioner must complete a medical statement to verify the permanent disability.

No additional cost:

Adding the disability indicator does not incur extra fees.

Purpose:

This indicator is intended to alert emergency personnel about a person's permanent disability.

Permanent Disability Indicator

[FAQs Missouri Department of Revenue](https://dor.mo.gov/faq)

[\(.gov\) <https://dor.mo.gov> > faq >](https://dor.mo.gov/faq)

[driver-license > permanent-d...](https://dor.mo.gov/faq)

New Hampshire

a person with autism can add an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) indication to their driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card in New Hampshire.

- To add the indication, you can complete the Medically Recognized Disorder Indication form on the New Hampshire DMV website.
- A licensed physician must sign the form.
- You can drop off the form at a New Hampshire DMV dropbox.
- There is no additional cost to add the indication during a renewal.
- If you add the indication outside of a renewal period, there is a \$3 fee for a replacement license or ID card.
- If the name of the disorder is longer than 25 characters, only the abbreviation will appear on the ID.

[Identifying Disability On a Driver's License Community Crossroads](https://communitycrossroadsnh.org)

<https://communitycrossroadsnh.org> > [identifying-disabil...](#)

North Carolina

North Carolina will allow a voluntary driver's license designation for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will enter the designation into the driver's license record, instead of a unique symbol on the license.

The applicant must provide verification or documentation of their ASD diagnosis.

Law enforcement will receive training on the designation and how to interact with people with ASD.

There will be a process for voluntarily removing the designation.

[HB 581 – Drivers License Designation/Autism](#)

North Carolina Medical Society
<https://ncmedsoc.org>
[hb-581-drivers-license-designati...](#)

New Jersey

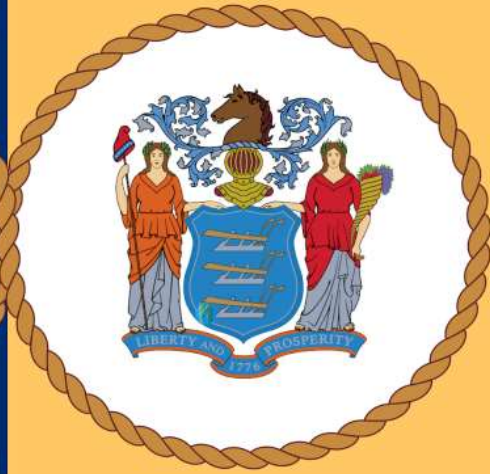
The legislation, S761, allows people to indicate that they have a communication disorder on their license or government identification card. "This law is a victory for people with autism and their families," Murphy said in a statement after he signed the bill into law Monday, May 18, 2023

Link: [NJ drivers licenses autism note can be included under law](https://www.northjersey.com/news/state/2023/05/18/nj-drivers-licenses-autism-law-police-stops/70228693007/)

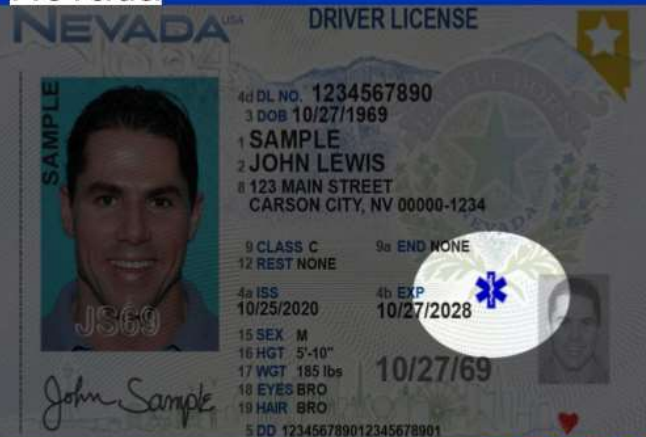
Bergen Record <https://www.northjersey.com/news/state/2023/05/18/nj-drivers-licenses-autism-law-police-stops/70228693007/>

Link: [Governor Signs Bill to Identify Autism on New Jersey ... Autism NJ](https://autismnj.org/news/governor-signs-bill-to-identify-autism-on-new-jersey) <https://autismnj.org/news/governor-signs-bill-to-identify-autism-on-new-jersey>

Link: <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/state/2023/05/18/nj-drivers-licenses-autism-law-police-stops/70228693007/>



Nevada



[Nev. adds 'Star of Life' to driver's licenses to highlight medical conditions](#)

According to the DMV's release, conditions eligible for a "Star of Life" symbol include vision impairment, chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, autism, deafness, depression, diabetes, epilepsy, hemophilia, schizophrenia, mental illness, food allergies and more.



Oklahoma

NEW HOUSE BILL HELPS DISABLED OKLAHOMA DRIVERS

House Bill 2516 goes into effect Nov. 1, making it easier for drivers with disabilities to communicate with law enforcement during a traffic stop.

Tuesday, October 29th 2019

Link: [New House Bill Helps Disabled Oklahoma Drivers](#)



OKLAHOMA

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles
Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition

447-CAD
(Rev. 6/2017)

Section 1 - General Cautionary Medical Symbol Information

Pursuant to SC Code §56-1-85, you may provide the SCDMV with up to three medical conditions that will be listed by a cautionary medical symbol displayed on the back of your non-commercial SC Beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card.

The cautionary medical symbol will not be placed on commercial learner's permits (CLP's), or commercial driver's licenses (CDL's).

This medical condition(s) must be made available to law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital personnel, the Medical Advisory Board pursuant to SC Code §56-1-221, and permitted entities pursuant to the Driver Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C.A. §2721.

The SCDMV will not use the information you provide on this form to start any review of your fitness to drive. If a review of your fitness to drive occurs due to other triggers, then the information provided on this form may be used as part of that review process.

This process can only be completed at an SCDMV branch.

Section 2 - Applicant's Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
Area Code) Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SC Driver's License, Identification card or Beginner's Permit Number: _____

I certify that this information is true and correct, and I understand that I am receiving an SC Beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card based on the information provided on the accompanying Application for a Beginner's Permit, Driver's License, or Identification Card (Form 447-602) which will also reflect my voluntary disclosure of selected medical conditions. Further, if I am disclosing medical condition(s) in Section Four, I authorize my licensed physician named below to release the information requested in Section Four to the SCDMV.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Printed Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Section 3 - Disclosing Medical Conditions and Adding Caution, Removing Medical Conditions on File

Disclose one or more medical conditions/add caution to your card. (Requires Physician's Signature in Section 4)
 Remove medical conditions previously disclosed. If you remove all medical conditions, the caution will also be removed. I wish to remove the following medical condition(s) (list below): _____

Section 4 - Physician's Statement

A physician licensed in this State as defined in Chapter 47, Title 40 must complete the following section. Completing this section means that the applicant has the selected medical condition(s). This is only for the voluntary disclosure of medical condition(s) to the SCDMV. The SCDMV will send a caution to the applicant's card if you sign below.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY AN SC-LICENSED PHYSICIAN

This is to certify that _____ has been diagnosed with the following medical condition(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's	<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures
<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> COPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke
<input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Renal Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourette's Syndrome

I certify that I am a Licensed Physician: _____ SC Physician License Number: _____ Physician Office Phone Number: _____

Print Name of Physician: _____ Signature of Physician: _____ Date: _____

The SCDMV Form 447-CAD is used when an individual wishes to voluntarily disclose a medical condition to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. This form allows individuals to provide information about their medical condition, treatment, and any restrictions or accommodations needed while operating a vehicle. The form also includes a section for the individual's healthcare provider to certify the medical condition.

This form is important for individuals who have a medical condition that may affect their driving ability. By voluntarily disclosing this information, the SCDMV can assess whether any restrictions or accommodations are necessary to ensure safe driving. It is crucial to provide accurate and thorough information on this form to enable the SCDMV to make informed decisions regarding the individual's driving privileges.

[Preview attachment 447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
[447-CAD Voluntary Disclosure of a Medical Condition.pdf](#)
215 KB

Texas



Link:<https://wrongplanet.net/forums/vi/ewtopic.php?t=352455>

Link:<https://www.aspergers101.com/driving-autism-communication-impediments/>

Texans now have the option to disclose “Communication Impediment” directly on the front of their Driver License or State ID or when registering their vehicle through the DMV. This will alert the trained officer of an individual who may be slower to respond or one who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Virginia

[JP's Law Passed To Protect All People With Special Needs](#)

[Autism Parenting Magazine](#)
<https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/protect-peo...>

[Virginia Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards](#)

[Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services \(.gov\)](#)
https://www.dcs.virginia.gov/part_02_jps_law

[JPs Law/SB367](#)

[Facebook: JPs Law/SB367](#)
810+ followers

JP's Law

This Virginia law allows people with autism or an intellectual disability to voluntarily add a code to their ID to indicate their diagnosis. The law's goal is to help law enforcement know how to interact with people who have special needs, and to promote peaceful encounters.



Washington State

NEW!

Medical Designations

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Medical Condition

Developmental Disability

WA WASHINGTON ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE

DL LIC# WDLJK00580GF DONOR

SAMPLE JANE

DOB 01/06/1978 EXP 12/04/2024

123 STREET ADDRESS YOUR CITY WA 99999-0000

SEX F EYES BRN HT 5'-05" WT 130 LB

RESTRICTIONS NONE END NONE

EXP 09/04/2024

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Link:

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/washington-drivers-license-designations-medical-symbols/281-d5024acc-f9d9-4284-8f97-4c33fc5bd981>

Jan. 1 2022, citizens who lives in washington state can choose to add one or more symbols to their ID showing they have a medical condition, developmental disability or are deaf or hard of hearing.

Washington D.C (District of Columbia)

Yes, you can add a disability designation to your driver's license or ID card in Washington, DC:

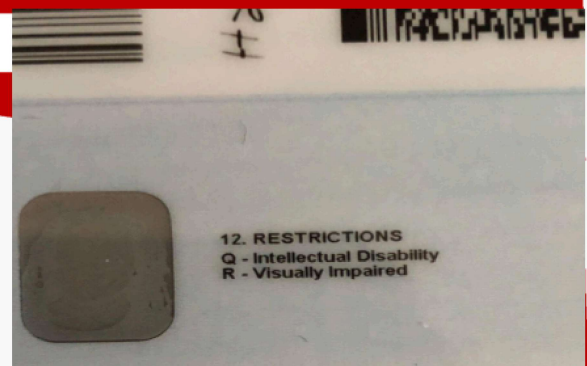
REAL ID driver's license

You can add a special designation indicator for a disability such as autism, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, or visual impairment.

Limited Purpose driver's license

You can add a special designation indicator for a disability, as well as an organ donation designation. You can also add or remove disability and medical designations from your driver's license or ID card system. These designations can provide first responders with information about how you communicate or if you have a condition that could affect a health emergency.

Driver License/Identification Card Application (English)



HB 707 - MoCo_Elrich_FAV (GA 25).pdf

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Position: FAV



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

February 13, 2025

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
County Executive

RE: House Bill 707, *Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)*

Support

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 707, *Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)*. The legislation would require that certain applications for a license, identification card, or moped operator's permit provide the option for an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability. The term can be defined as a physical, mental, or neurological condition that is not easily apparent or detected by others. The bill directs the Motor Vehicle Administration to include a certain notation of the disability and requires the Administration to do public outreach efforts about its availability. Further, the bill includes a prohibition concerning the disclosure of certain information about an applicant.

An increasing number of states are considering measures to offer an applicant seeking a driver's license or government-issued ID card the option of adding a discrete marker identifying the individual as having a nonapparent or invisible disability. The symbol would be recognized by first responders as an indicator of an individual who may need an accommodation to avoid misunderstandings that could lead to a potentially confrontational interaction.

At the local level, Montgomery County Department of Police has recognized the issue of invisible disabilities by working collaboratively with Pathfinders for Autism, a Maryland-based organization founded by parents of children with autism, on a traffic stop program called the Blue Envelope Initiative. Police know about the traffic stop toolkit that includes an envelope listing the steps to follow on one side, and tips about autism for the officer of the other side. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower organization is another non-government entity with a growing global campaign to raise awareness and support for individuals with invisible disabilities. While these efforts are laudable, they are not enough.

I am pleased to support HB 707 – *Eric's ID Law* – named for Montgomery County resident, Eric Carpenter-Grantham. Colorado and Alaska have passed similar nonapparent disability identification laws. I would urge Maryland to follow their lead, and respectfully request the Committee's adoption of a favorable report on House Bill 707.

DC Drivers License or Identification Card DMV Appl

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Position: FAV



DC DRIVER LICENSE or IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

Unless you decline/opt out, information you provide on this form will be used to register you to vote or update your registration.

A. What do you need?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver License	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle Endorsement

B. Tell us about yourself			
Last Name		First Name	
		Middle Name	
		Jr./Sr./III, etc.	
Address where you live (a mailing only address cannot be used)		Apt/Unit #	
		City & State	
		Washington, DC	
Date of Birth		Social Security #	
/ /			
		U.S. Citizen	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		Gender	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified	
Weight		Height	
LBS		FT IN	
		Hair Color	
		Eye Color	
Other names you have used on a Driver License or ID Card.			
Cell Phone		Text Notification	
()		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Standard rates apply	
Alternate Phone		Email	
()			

C. Tell us about your driving history		
1. Have you ever had a Driver License? <i>If yes, write from what country, state, or jurisdiction?</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Has your license ever been suspended or revoked?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Has your application for a Driver License been denied in another country or state?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

D. Tell us about your medical history <i>Skip this section if you are only here for an ID card.</i>		
1. Do you require corrective lenses or glasses for the vision screening test?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Are you required to wear a hearing device while driving?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
In the past 5 years, have you had or been treated for any of the following? <i>If yes, to an item, please complete the Medical/Eye form.</i>		
1. Alzheimer's Disease		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Insulin Dependent Diabetes		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Glaucoma, Cataracts, or Eye Diseases		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Seizure or Loss of Consciousness		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Do you have other mental or physical conditions that would impair your ability to drive?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

E. Tell us about your preferences		
1. All males 18-26 years old will be registered with Selective Service . <i>To opt out, complete the opt-out form</i>		
2. I would like to add a Veteran designation to my license/ID card.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If yes, provide proof of your status</i>
3. I would like to be an organ and tissue donor .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
4. What language should we use to communicate with you?	_____	
Special Designations (Optional):		
<i>Add the following indicators to my license/ID Card</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Autism	<input type="checkbox"/> Visually Impaired
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impaired
<i>Office Use:</i>		

F. If you are 70+ years of age, your licensed medical practitioner MUST complete this section		
Practitioner's Name (<i>print</i>)	Practitioner's Identification Number	Phone Number
Does the applicant have the ability to safely drive a vehicle?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the applicant can safely drive a vehicle.		
<input type="checkbox"/> No, the applicant cannot safely drive a vehicle.		
Practitioner's Signature:		Date:

To confidentially report waste, fraud or abuse by a DC Government Agency or official , call the DC Inspector General at 1.800.521.1639	<i>Office Use:</i>
	<i>Form revised January 2019</i>
	Employee Signature: _____
	Date: _____

Questions? Please visit our website at dmv.dc.gov or call 311 in DC or 202.737.4404 outside the 202 area code.

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G. Voter Registration

We will use your information to register you to vote or update your voter registration. To register to vote, you must:

- Be a US Citizen
- Live in the District of Columbia (You may not vote in a District of Columbia election unless you have lived here for at least 30 days before the election)
- Not claim voting residence or the right to vote in another U.S. state or territory
- Be at least 17 years old and at least 18 years old by the next general election (You may vote in a **primary election** if you are at least 17 years old and you will be 18 years old by the next general election. You may vote in a **general or special election** if you are at least 18 years old. You may **pre-register** if you are at least 16 years old.)
- Not be in jail serving a sentence for conviction of a crime that is a felony in the District of Columbia; and
- Not have been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote

Check the box below to decline/opt out of registering to vote or updating your voter registration if:

- You do not meet the requirements listed above
- You meet the requirements listed above but do not want to register to vote; or
- You are already registered in the District of Columbia and do not want to update your registration

If you check the box below, any information you provide in this section (G. Voter Registration) will not be sent to the DC Board of Elections.

I decline/opt out. Do not register me to vote or update my voter registration.

(If you check this box, skip to Section H. Applicant Certification)

Party Registration. To vote in all contests in District of Columbia primary elections, you must be registered to vote in one of the following four (4) parties (**Check ONE box below**):

Democratic Party Republican Party DC Statehood Green Party Libertarian Party

You may register as "No Party (Independent)" or with a party that is not listed above by checking one of the boxes below. If you do so, you cannot vote for candidates in primary elections, but you can vote on any citywide ballot questions (for example, initiatives and referenda) that appear on primary election ballots.

If you do not choose any of the six options presented, you will be registered as "No Party (independent)" by default.

No Party (Independent) Other (write party name here) _____

Address where you get your mail (if different from the address where you live provided in Section B.):

Name and address on your last voter registration (include city and state if outside of DC):

Would you like information on serving as a poll worker in the next election? Yes No

If you need help with voting, please tell us what type of help you need (optional):

Important Notices. Voter registration information is public, with the exception of social security numbers, dates of birth, email addresses, and phone numbers.

If you decline to register/opt out of registering to vote, your decision will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. If you choose to register to vote, the identity of the agency where you registered will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

In order for your residence and/or mailing address to be kept confidential, you must submit a court order to the DC Board of Elections which directs that such information must be kept confidential.

If you believe that someone has interfered with your right: a) to register to vote; b) to decline to register to vote; c) to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or; d) to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the DC Board of Elections, 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20003. You may check the status of your registration at <https://dcboe.org/VoterRegistrationStatus>.

Questions? Visit our website at www.dcboe.org, or call 202.727.2525 • 1.866.328.6837 (toll-free) • 711 (TDD)

H. Applicant Certification

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained on this application is true and correct. If I am applying to register to vote, I swear or affirm that I meet each requirement listed in Section G. I understand that: a) any person using a fictitious name or address and/or knowingly making any false statement on this application is in violation of DC Law and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days imprisonment (DC Official Code 22-2405), and; b) any person who registers to vote or attempts to register and makes any false representations as to their qualifications for registering is in violation of DC Law and subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or up to 5 years imprisonment (DC Official Code 1-1001.14(a)).

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SB 367 Driver's licenses and special identification cards; designation of intellectual disability, etc.

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Driver's license and special identification card designations; persons with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Permits the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon the request of the applicant and presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, to designate an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder on the applicant's driver's license and to designate hearing or speech impairment, insulin-dependent diabetes, or an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder on the applicant's special identification card. Current law allows the designation of a hearing or speech impairment or a condition of insulin-dependent diabetes on a person's driver's license.

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03/03/14 House: Read third time

03/03/14 House: Committee substitute agreed to 14105378D-H1

03/03/14 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB367H1

03/03/14 House: Passed House with substitute BLOCK VOTE (94-Y 0-N)

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03/06/14 House: Signed by Speaker

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SENATE BILL NO. 367

Offered January 8, 2014

Prefiled January 7, 2014

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-342 and 46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-203.2, relating to designation on driver's licenses and special identification cards of intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder; emergency contact program.*

 Patron—McEachin

 Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-342 and 46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-203.2 as follows:

§ 46.2-203.2. Emergency contact information program.

A. *As used in this section, "emergency contact" means a person 18 years of age or older whom the customer may designate to be contacted by a law-enforcement officer in an emergency situation.*

B. *The Department may establish an emergency contact information program to assist law-enforcement personnel in emergency situations. To establish such a program, a person who currently holds a learner's permit, temporary driver's license, driver's license, commercial driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department or completes an application for the same may voluntarily submit emergency contact information for inclusion in his customer record with the Department. Such emergency contact information may include the name, relationship to the customer, address, and telephone number for an individual the customer designates as a contact in the event of an emergency situation.*

C. *Any person voluntarily submitting emergency contact information to the Department for inclusion in the applicant's customer record is responsible for maintaining current emergency contact information with the Department. Each applicant submitting emergency contact information to the Department shall certify in his application that he has notified the person he has designated as an emergency contact that such information will be supplied to the Department. The Department shall provide a method by which applicants submitting emergency contact information to the Department may submit such information electronically pursuant to § 46.2-216.1. Customers may add, modify, or delete information at any time. Such modifications or deletions will overwrite all previously provided information.*

D. *In the event of an emergency situation, the Department shall make emergency contact information in customer records electronically available to a law-enforcement officer who in the exercise of his official duties requires assistance in reaching a customer's emergency contact. Emergency contact information provided to the Department by the customer shall not be considered a public record subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and shall only be disclosed as permitted in this section.*

E. *In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Department, its employees, and law-enforcement officers shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability in connection with the maintenance and use of emergency contact information voluntarily provided by customers for use in an emergency situation.*

§ 46.2-342. What license to contain; organ donor information; Uniform Donor Document.

A. Every license issued under this chapter shall bear:

1. For licenses issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2003, a license number which shall be assigned by the Department to the licensee and shall not be the same as the licensee's social security number;
2. A photograph of the licensee;
3. The licensee's full name, year, month, and date of birth;
4. The licensee's address, subject to the provisions of subsection B of this section;
5. A brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification;
6. A space for the signature of the licensee; and
7. Any other information deemed necessary by the Commissioner for the administration of this title.

No abbreviated names or nicknames shall be shown on any license.

B. At the option of the licensee, the address shown on the license may be either the post office box, business, or residence address of the licensee, provided such address is located in Virginia. However, regardless of which address is shown on the license, the licensee shall supply the Department with his residence address, which shall be an address in Virginia. This residence address shall be maintained in

59 the Department's records. Whenever the licensee's address shown either on his license or in the
60 Department's records changes, he shall notify the Department of such change as required by § 46.2-324.

61 C. The Department may contract with the United States Postal Service or an authorized agent to use
62 the National Change of Address System for the purpose of obtaining current address information for a
63 person whose name appears in customer records maintained by the Department. If the Department
64 receives information from the National Change of Address System indicating that a person whose name
65 appears in a Department record has submitted a permanent change of address to the Postal Service, the
66 Department may then update its records with the mailing address obtained from the National Change of
67 Address System.

68 D. The license shall be made of a material and in a form to be determined by the Commissioner.

69 E. Licenses issued to persons less than 21 years old shall be immediately and readily distinguishable
70 from those issued to persons 21 years old or older. Distinguishing characteristics shall include unique
71 design elements of the document and descriptors within the photograph area to identify persons who are
72 at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old. These descriptors shall include the month, day, and year
73 when the person will become 21 years old.

74 F. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for a driver's license or an
75 identification card may designate his willingness to make an anatomical gift for transplantation, therapy,
76 research, and education as provided in Article 2 (§ 32.1-289.2 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1 and
77 shall cooperate with the Virginia Transplant Council to ensure that such method is designed to
78 encourage organ, tissue, and eye donation with a minimum of effort on the part of the donor and the
79 Department.

80 G. If an applicant designates his willingness to be a donor pursuant to subsection F, the Department
81 may make a notation of this designation on his license or card and shall make a notation of this
82 designation in his driver record.

83 H. The donor designation authorized in subsection G shall be sufficient legal authority for the
84 removal, following death, of the subject's organs or tissues without additional authority from the donor,
85 or his family or estate. No family member, guardian, agent named pursuant to an advance directive or
86 person responsible for the decedent's estate shall refuse to honor the donor designation or, in any way,
87 seek to avoid honoring the donor designation.

88 I. The donor designation provided pursuant to subsection F may be rescinded by notifying the
89 Department. In addition, the Department shall remove from the driver's license or identification card any
90 donor designation made pursuant to subsection F, if, at the time the applicant renews or replaces the
91 license or identification card, the applicant does not again designate his willingness to be a donor
92 pursuant to subsection F.

93 J. A minor may make a donor designation pursuant to subsection F without the consent of a parent
94 or legal guardian as authorized by the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (§ 32.1-291.1 et seq.).

95 K. The Department shall provide a method by which an applicant conducting a Department of Motor
96 Vehicles transaction using electronic means may make a voluntary contribution to the Virginia Donor
97 Registry and Public Awareness Fund (Fund) established pursuant to § 32.1-297.1. The Department shall
98 inform the applicant of the existence of the Fund and also that contributing to the Fund is voluntary.

99 L. The Department shall collect all moneys contributed pursuant to subsection K and transmit the
100 moneys on a regular basis to the Virginia Transplant Council, which shall credit the contributions to the
101 Fund.

102 M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed
103 physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's driver's
104 license that the applicant is (i) *is* an insulin-dependent diabetic, ~~or~~ (ii) *is* hearing or speech impaired, *or*
105 (iii) *has an intellectual disability, as defined in § 37.2-100, or autism spectrum disorder, as defined in*
106 *§ 38.2-3418.17.*

107 N. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Department and its employees shall
108 be immune from any civil or criminal liability in connection with the making of or failure to make a
109 notation of donor designation on any license or card or in any person's driver record.

110 O. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Department shall continue to use the
111 uniform donor document, as formerly set forth in subsection F, for organ donation designation until such
112 time as a new method is fully implemented, which shall be no later than July 1, 1994. Any such
113 uniform donor document shall, when properly executed, remain valid and shall continue to be subject to
114 all conditions for execution, delivery, amendment, and revocation as set out in Article 2 (§ 32.1-289.2 et
115 seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1.

116 P. The Department shall, in coordination with the Virginia Transplant Council, prepare an organ
117 donor information brochure describing the organ donor program and providing instructions for
118 completion of the uniform donor document information describing the bone marrow donation program
119 and instructions for registration in the National Bone Marrow Registry. The Department shall include a
120 copy of such brochure with every driver's license renewal notice or application mailed to licensed

121 drivers in Virginia.

122 **§ 46.2-345. Issuance of special identification cards; fee; confidentiality; penalties.**

123 A. On the application of any person who is a resident of the Commonwealth or the parent or legal
124 guardian of any such person who is under the age of 15, the Department shall issue a special
125 identification card to the person provided:

126 1. Application is made on a form prescribed by the Department and includes the applicant's full legal
127 name; year, month, and date of birth; social security number; sex; and residence address;

128 2. The applicant presents, when required by the Department, proof of identity, legal presence,
129 residency, and social security number or non-work authorized status;

130 3. The Department is satisfied that the applicant needs an identification card or the applicant shows
131 he has a bona fide need for such a card; and

132 4. The applicant does not hold a driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary driver's
133 permit, learner's permit, or motorcycle learner's permit.

134 Persons 70 years of age or older may exchange a valid Virginia driver's license for a special
135 identification card at no fee. Special identification cards subsequently issued to such persons shall be
136 subject to the regular fees for special identification cards.

137 B. The fee for the issuance of an original or renewal special identification card is \$5. The fee for the
138 issuance of a duplicate or reissue of a special identification card is \$5. Persons 21 years old or older
139 may be issued a scenic special identification card for an additional fee of \$5.

140 C. Every special identification card shall expire on the last day of the month of birth of the applicant
141 in years in which the applicant attains an age exactly divisible by five. At no time shall any special
142 identification card be issued for less than three nor more than seven years, except under the provisions
143 of subsection B of § 46.2-328.1 and except that those cards issued to children under the age of 15 shall
144 expire on the child's sixteenth birthday, thereafter the special identification card may be renewed on or
145 before the last day of the month of birth of the applicant and shall be valid for five years, expiring in
146 the next year in which the applicant's age is exactly divisible by five, except under the provisions of
147 subsection B of § 46.2-328.1. Notwithstanding these limitations, the Commissioner may extend the
148 validity period of an expiring card if (i) the Department is unable to process an application for renewal
149 due to circumstances beyond its control, (ii) the extension has been authorized under a directive from
150 the Governor, and (iii) the card was not issued as a temporary special identification card under the
151 provisions of subsection B of § 46.2-328.1. However, in no event shall the validity period be extended
152 more than 90 days per occurrence of such conditions.

153 D. A special identification card issued under this section may be similar in size, shape, and design to
154 a driver's license, and include a photograph of its holder, but the card shall be readily distinguishable
155 from a driver's license and shall clearly state that it does not authorize the person to whom it is issued
156 to drive a motor vehicle. Every applicant for a special identification card shall appear in person before
157 the Department to apply for a renewal, duplicate or reissue unless specifically permitted by the
158 Department to apply in another manner.

159 E. Special identification cards, for persons at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old, shall be
160 immediately and readily distinguishable from those issued to persons 21 years old or older.
161 Distinguishing characteristics shall include unique design elements of the document and descriptors
162 within the photograph area to identify persons who are at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old.
163 These descriptors shall include the month, day, and year when the person will become 21 years old.

164 F. Special identification cards for persons under age 15 shall bear a full face photograph. The special
165 identification card issued to persons under age 15 shall be readily distinguishable from a driver's license
166 and from other special identification cards issued by the Department. Such cards shall clearly indicate
167 that it does not authorize the person to whom it is issued to drive a motor vehicle.

168 G. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a valid Virginia driver's license may be surrendered for a
169 special identification card without the applicant's having to present proof of legal presence as required
170 by § 46.2-328.1 if the Virginia driver's license is unexpired and it has not been revoked, suspended, or
171 cancelled. The special identification card shall be considered a reissue and the expiration date shall be
172 the last day of the month of the surrendered driver's license's month of expiration.

173 H. Any personal information, as identified in § 2.2-3801, which is retained by the Department from
174 an application for the issuance of a special identification card is confidential and shall not be divulged to
175 any person, association, corporation, or organization, public or private, except to the legal guardian or
176 the attorney of the applicant or to a person, association, corporation, or organization nominated in
177 writing by the applicant, his legal guardian, or his attorney. This subsection shall not prevent the
178 Department from furnishing the application or any information thereon to any law-enforcement agency.

179 I. Any person who uses a false or fictitious name or gives a false or fictitious address in any
180 application for an identification card or knowingly makes a false statement or conceals a material fact or
181 otherwise commits a fraud in any such application shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However,

182 where the name or address is given, or false statement is made, or fact is concealed, or fraud committed,
183 with the intent to purchase a firearm or where the identification card is obtained for the purpose of
184 committing any offense punishable as a felony, a violation of this section shall constitute a Class 4
185 felony.

186 J. The Department may promulgate regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the
187 provisions of this section.

188 K. The Department shall utilize the various communications media throughout the Commonwealth to
189 inform Virginia residents of the provisions of this section and to promote and encourage the public to
190 take advantage of its provisions.

191 L. The Department shall electronically transmit application information to the Department of State
192 Police, in a format approved by the State Police, for comparison with information contained in the
193 Virginia Criminal Information Network and National Crime Information Center Convicted Sexual
194 Offender Registry Files, at the time of issuance of a special identification card. Whenever it appears
195 from the records of the State Police that a person has failed to comply with the duty to register or
196 reregister pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1, the State Police shall promptly
197 investigate and, if there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred, obtain a warrant or assist
198 in obtaining an indictment charging a violation of § 18.2-472.1 in the jurisdiction in which the person
199 made application for the special identification card.

200 *M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed*
201 *physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's special*
202 *identification card that the applicant has any condition listed in subsection M of § 46.2-342.*

203 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2014, except that § 46.2-203.2**
204 **created by this act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.**

VA DMV Application with JPs Law Designation-Adults

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Completion of this section is requested but not required to apply for a driver's license or ID Card. (Virginia Code §2.2-3806)

INFORMATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

Mail In / DMV Connect Only - Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

YES (INITIAL BOX)

NO (INITIAL BOX)

Mail In / DMV Connect Only - Do you want to register to vote or change your voter registration address?

YES (INITIAL BOX)

NO (INITIAL BOX)

INFORMATION FOR THE VIRGINIA TRANSPLANT COUNCIL

Yes, I would like to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.



www.dmvNow.com
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
Post Office Box 27412
Richmond, Virginia 23269-0001

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

DL 1P (01/01/2021)

LOG #

Purpose: Use this form to apply for a driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card.

Instructions: Submit completed application to any DMV Customer Center. Complete front and back of this application.

APPLICATION TYPE

REAL ID: ID requirements for domestic air travel and access to secure federal facilities change October 1, 2021. A REAL ID meets these requirements.

Would you like to apply for a REAL ID license/identification card? (Not applicable if applying for a Motorcycle Learner's Permit)

- Yes - I would like to use my license/identification card as ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after October 1, 2021.
No - I acknowledge my license/identification card will display "Federal Limits Apply" and I will need another form of ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after October 1, 2021.

- Driver's License, Learner's Permit and Driver's License, Driver's License with Motorcycle, Motorcycle Only License, Motorcycle Learner's Permit, Driver's License with School Bus Endorsement, Driver's License Testing for Foreign Diplomats, Identification (ID) Card, Hearing Impaired ID Card, Emancipated Minor ID Card

Motorcycle Classification

- Maintaining current Virginia Motorcycle Classification, Add, Upgrade or Transfer Motorcycle Classification or obtain Motorcycle Only License, M 2 (2 wheels), M 3 (3 wheels), M (both 2 and 3 wheels)

Replacement License or Identification Card (check one of the following): I am surrendering my current license or ID card.

I certify I cannot surrender my current license or ID card because it is: Lost, Stolen, Destroyed

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NOTE: YOUR ADDRESS BELOW MUST BE CURRENT. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL NOT FORWARD YOUR LICENSE OR ID CARD.

Form fields for Full Legal Name, Social Security Number, Birthdate, Phone Number, Sex, Weight, Height, Eye Color, Hair Color, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Mailing Address, Email Address.

SPECIAL INDICATOR REQUEST

Special Indicator Request section with questions about glasses, medication, seizures, physical conditions, and offenses, plus a list of indicators like insulin-dependent diabetic, speech impairment, etc.

FOR DMV USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

DMV Use Only section with tables for Required Tests (Vision, DL Road Signs Exam, DL Knowledge Exam, DL Skills, MC Knowledge, MC Skills M2, MC Skills M3), Customer Number, Transaction Type, Fee, CSR Signature, and CSR Logon ID.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (continued)Do you currently have or have you ever held a license, ID card or learner's permit from another state, U.S. territory or foreign country? Yes No

If yes, provide the following:	LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER	ISSUE DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	EXPIRATION DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	STATE/COUNTRY
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PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN LICENSE CONSENT**Check applicable box, review certification statement, print your name and sign where indicated.**

- I authorize issuance of a learner's permit/driver's license.** I certify that the applicant is a resident of Virginia. I certify that the applicant is attending school regularly and is in good academic standing, but if not, I authorize issuance of a learner's permit/driver's license. I certify that this applicant will operate a motor vehicle for at least 45 hours (15 of which will occur after sunset) while holding a learner's permit.

If the applicant attends public school, I authorize the principal or designee of the public school attended by the applicant to notify the juvenile and domestic relations district court (within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides) when the applicant has had 10 or more unexcused absences from school on consecutive school days.

If a Special Indicator Request is checked on this application, I request on behalf of the applicant that it be shown on the learner's permit/driver's license.

I certify that the statements made and the information submitted by me are true and correct.

- I authorize issuance of an ID card.** If the applicant is under age 18, I certify that the applicant is a resident of Virginia. If a Special Indicator Request is checked on this application, I request on behalf of the applicant that it be shown on the identification card.

I certify that the statements made and the information submitted by me are true and correct.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (print)	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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APPLICANT UNDER AGE 18 Have you ever been found not innocent of any offense in a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in this or any other state? YES NO
If you answered YES, the court making the adjudication of "not innocent" or a court within the jurisdiction where the juvenile's parent/guardian resides must provide court consent below.

COURT CONSENT In my opinion the applicant's request for a learner's permit/driver's license should be granted. should not be granted.

REMARKS:

JUDGE NAME (print)	JUDGE SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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SELECTIVE SERVICE

All males under the age of 26 are required to check one of the following. Failure to provide a response will result in denial of your application.

- I am already registered with Selective Service.
- I am a lawful non-immigrant on a current non-immigrant visa or a seasonal agricultural worker (H-2A Visa) and not required to register.
- I authorize DMV to forward to the Selective Service System personal information necessary to register me with Selective Service.

By signing this application, I consent to be registered with Selective Service, if required by federal law. If under age 18, an appropriate adult must complete and sign below: I authorize DMV to send information to Selective Service which will be used to register applicant when he is 18 years old.

SIGNATURE (check one and sign) PARENT / GUARDIAN JUDGE, JUVENILE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT EMANCIPATED MINOR

VETERAN INDICATOR

- I would like to add/keep the veteran indicator on my driver's license or identification card.
- I would NOT like to add/keep the veteran indicator on my driver's license or identification card.

You must complete a Virginia Veteran Military Service Certification (DL 11) form and provide an acceptable veteran service proof document to add the veteran indicator, unless you have already done so.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES - (Fee waiver certification)

I certify that I am employed by the: Commonwealth of Virginia or City of County of Town of _____
to operate a motorcycle solely in the course of this employment and, because of such employment, I am entitled to the waiver of the motorcycle class endorsement fee, provided I have paid for and hold a valid Virginia driver's license or have made application for such.

NOTICE

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CERTIFICATION

I certify and affirm that I am a resident of Virginia, that all information presented in this application is true and correct, that any documents I have presented to DMV are genuine, and that my appearance, for purpose of my DMV photograph, is a true and accurate representation of how I generally appear in public. I make this certification and affirmation under penalty of perjury and understand that making a false statement on this application is a criminal violation. By signing this form, I authorize DMV to verify the information provided on this application, as required to determine eligibility.

APPLICANT NAME (print)	APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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VA DMV Application with JPs Law Designation-Minors

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Completion of this section is requested but not required to apply for a driver's license or ID Card. (Virginia Code §2.2-3806)

INFORMATION FOR THE VIRGINIA TRANSPLANT COUNCIL

Yes, I would like to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.



IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION FOR MINORS UNDER AGE 15

DL 5 (01/01/2021)

LOG #

Purpose: Minors under age 15 use this form to apply for an identification card.

Instruction: To qualify for an identification card for a minor, the applicant must be a Virginia resident under age 15. Print in ink or type. Virginia Code requires that you provide DMV with the information on this form (including your social security number).

APPLICATION TYPE

REAL ID: ID requirements for domestic air travel and access to secure federal facilities change October 1, 2021. A REAL ID meets these requirements.

Would you like to apply for a REAL ID identification card?

- Yes - I would like to use my identification card as ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after October 1, 2021. View the documents you'll need at dmvNOW.com/REALID or ask for a brochure.
- No - I acknowledge my identification card will display "Federal Limits Apply" and I will need another form of ID to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base on or after October 1, 2021.

- Original If you are applying for a replacement ID Card check one of the following;
- Renewal I am surrendering my current ID Card.
- Replacement I certify my current ID Card is unavailable for surrender because it is: lost stolen destroyed/mutilated

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NOTE: YOUR ADDRESS BELOW MUST BE CURRENT. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL NOT FORWARD ID CARDS.

FULL LEGAL NAME (last, first, middle, suffix)		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)		<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED A SSN.	
BIRTHDATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	SEX (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BINARY	WEIGHT LBS.	HEIGHT FT. IN.	EYE COLOR	HAIR COLOR
STREET ADDRESS		APT NO.	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (optional)	IF YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED, PRINT FORMER NAME HERE	NAME OF CITY OR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY OF _____			
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above - this address will show on your ID card)		APT NO.	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
EMAIL ADDRESS (optional)					

SPECIAL INDICATOR REQUEST

Please show the following indicator(s) on my ID card: (Must submit required physician statement.)

- Insulin-dependent diabetic
- Speech impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Intellectual disability (IntD)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Blind or vision impairment
- Traumatic brain injury

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Participation in the Emergency Contact Program is voluntary. If you choose to participate, emergency contact information will be added to your identification card record. This information will only be accessible to DMV and law enforcement. Add this information on page 2 of this form.

"Certification" section on the back of this form must be completed.

FOR DMV USE ONLY — DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CUSTOMER NUMBER	TRANSACTION TYPE	FEE	CSR SIGNATURE	CSR LOGON ID
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> REISSUE <input type="checkbox"/> DUPLICATE <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL			

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (continued)

FIRST NAME, LAST NAME AND PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE REQUIRED (Contact must be a person 18 years of age or older)			
CONTACT 1	CONTACT FIRST NAME	CONTACT LAST NAME	PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
	CONTACT STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
	COUNTRY	ARE YOU RELATED TO THE CONTACT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	SECONDARY TELEPHONE NUMBER
FIRST NAME, LAST NAME AND PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE REQUIRED (Contact must be a person 18 years of age or older)			
CONTACT 2	CONTACT FIRST NAME	CONTACT LAST NAME	PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
	CONTACT STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
	COUNTRY	ARE YOU RELATED TO THE CONTACT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	SECONDARY TELEPHONE NUMBER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF PARTICIPATING IN EMERGENCY CONTACT PROGRAM

Please ensure the emergency contact information provided is up to date and accurate. Virginia DMV is not responsible for any errors in the information provided. In the event of an emergency, this contact information may be disclosed to emergency personnel. Per Virginia statute, DMV is immune from liability if the designated person(s) listed cannot be contacted.

NOTICE

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CERTIFICATION

Parent/Legal Guardian, check the box if you give consent for this minor to become an organ, eye and tissue donor and for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to display this information on his/her identification card.

I certify and affirm that my child is a resident of Virginia, that all information presented in this application is true and correct, that any documents I have presented to DMV are genuine, and that my child's appearance, for purpose of this DMV photograph, is a true and accurate representation of how he/she generally appears in public. I make this certification and affirmation under penalty of perjury and understand that knowingly making a false statement on this application is a criminal violation. By signing this form, I authorize DMV to verify the information provided on this application, as required to determine eligibility.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME (print)	PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
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SELECTIVE SERVICE

All males under the age of 26 are required to check one of the following. Failure to provide a response will result in denial of your application.

- I am already registered with Selective Service.
- I am a lawful non-immigrant on a current non-immigrant visa or a seasonal agricultural worker (H-2A Visa) and not required to register.
- I authorize DMV to forward to the Selective Service System personal information necessary to register me with Selective Service.

By signing this application, I consent to be registered with Selective Service, if required by federal law. If under age 18, an appropriate adult must complete and sign below: I authorize DMV to send information to Selective Service which will be used to register applicant when he is 18 years old.

SIGNATURE (check one and sign) PARENT / GUARDIAN JUDGE, JUVENILE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT EMANCIPATED MINOR

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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support – House Bill 707 – Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports House Bill 707 as an important customer service and safety reform.

HB 707 would require the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to collaborate with certain groups to design a designator indicating a nonapparent disability on a Maryland driver's license, identification card, or moped operator's permit (DL/ID). The designator would be available to any applicant who chooses to voluntarily request it for the DL/ID issued by the MVA, so it is visible on the product when the holder displays it or hands it to another person.

According to an American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators (AAMVA) survey in April 2024, at least 12 states and the District of Columbia offer DL/ID holders in those jurisdictions the option to place an indicator for a nonapparent disability on the DL/ID. Utah also offers a sticker that can be placed on a DL/ID. AAMVA does not presently have a set design standard for a nonapparent disability indicator but regularly updates a "best practices" design guide in addition to federal guidelines and requirements for certain design elements required or recommended for DL/ID issuance in the United States.

HB 707 will provide a valuable indicator for Marylanders who choose to add the indicator to their DL/ID while providing flexibility to the MVA for design and future updates potentially needed. It further ensures the MVA will not refer those requesting an indicator for review by the Medical Advisory Board, while still allowing an individual to self-report.

The legislation further prohibits the MVA from sharing information related to the nonapparent disability indicator with an insurance company or the Maryland Insurance Administration. This will require the MVA to create an insurance-only version of a driving record to comply. As written, HB 707 does not otherwise restrict use of disability information in a driving record for any other use required or authorized under § 4-320 of the General Provisions Article. As a physical indicator placed on a DL/ID, the designator will also be visible to any person or place of business that requires verification or viewing of the physical product.

The Honorable Marc Korman
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For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee grant House Bill 707 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0707 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0707, Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

The word 'disability' might call to mind an image of someone who uses a wheelchair, crutch or other mobility devices. Why? Because these mobility devices are visual indicators that a person is disabled. But many disabilities are not visually discernible. In fact, the *majority* of disabilities are non-apparent. And yet, this kind of non-visible disability, known as a non-apparent disability, is a concept unfamiliar to much of the nondisabled population. Consequently, people with non-apparent disabilities face discrimination just as those who are visibly disabled do.

Some of the most common non-apparent disabilities are Alzheimer's, anxiety and/or depression, arthritis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Deafness, diabetes, epilepsy, fibromyalgia, post-traumatic stress disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder/attention deficit disorder (ADHD/ADD), traumatic brain injury, Usher syndrome, bipolar disorder, cystic fibrosis, and multiple sclerosis. ¹

This bill will ensure equal non ableist treatment of persons with non-apparent disabilities by both law enforcement officers, and in some cases, by members of the general public during interactions with people with this condition.

It will accomplish this goal by requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability. The process for notification to someone viewing those documents will be satisfied by requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that a certain license, identification card, or moped operator's permit include a notation of a nonapparent disability. It will increase public safety for non-apparent disabled individuals through requiring the immediate implementation of training for law enforcement concerning interactions with persons with nonapparent disabilities.

¹ <https://wid.org/non-apparent-disabilities-when-your-disability-is-not-visible/>

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The case for this bill, nicknamed “Eric’s Law” was spoken about by Eric’s mother in a story by WUSA TV.²

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md. — The murder of [George Floyd](#) ignited conversation all over the world, and for one Maryland family, it also put the wheels in motion for a potential law.

After Floyd's death, Linda Carpenter-Grantham grew concerned about her 18-year-old son, Eric Carpenter-Grantham, in regards to being stopped by law enforcement. He has "high-functioning autism," an invisible disability. This led to Eric Carpenter-Grantham coming up with the idea to create [three logos](#) for people with invisible disabilities like autism, mental health concerns and hearing impairment.

We can honor this mother watching out for her son, and for other Marylander’s whose non-apparent disability can create a disadvantage, by passing this important bill.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0707

² <https://www.wusa9.com/article/life/heartwarming/get-uplifted/erics-id-law-individuals-with-invisible-disabilities-maryland/65-a1804283-c123-42fa-bc7a-958c0b7c1eea>

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February 13, 2025

HOUSE BILL 707 - Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

House Environment and Transportation Committee

POSITION: Support

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shari Bailey, and I am a mom of a child living with a rare syndrome, and a founder of a Maryland nonprofit called Laila's Gift. I write today in strong support of House Bill 707, also known as *Eric's ID Law*, a crucial step toward ensuring the safety and dignity of individuals with nonapparent disabilities.

As a parent of a child with Jacobsen Syndrome – I understand firsthand the challenges that arise when navigating public spaces, especially in interactions with law enforcement or emergency personnel. A person with autism, for example, may struggle with verbal communication, become overwhelmed in high-stress situations, or not respond in ways that authorities expect. Without an identifiable way to indicate this condition, such interactions can lead to unnecessary confusion or, worse, dangerous misunderstandings.

HB 707 empowers individuals to voluntarily disclose their condition in a way that can improve public safety. The notation on licenses and IDs will serve as a critical tool for first responders, helping them recognize when a person may need additional patience or specialized assistance. This is not just a matter of convenience—it is a matter of **inclusion, dignity, and protection**.

Furthermore, I strongly support the bill's **safeguards against misuse of this information**. By ensuring that individuals are not required to provide medical proof, and that this notation cannot be disclosed to insurance companies, the bill strikes an essential balance between privacy and accessibility.



As a parent, I want to know that our children will be safe and understood in interactions with police, emergency responders, or other public officials. HB 707 is a compassionate and common-sense measure that will make a significant difference in the lives of thousands of Marylanders.

I urge you to pass this bill and ensure that individuals with nonapparent disabilities receive the recognition and accommodations they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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House Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
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Good afternoon, Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding HB707 Eric's ID Law. My name is Terrance King, President and CEO of the National Children's Center (NCC).

I come before you as an advocate in support of HB707, which would offer the choice of supportive identification documentation for individuals with varying abilities. It would give them the voluntary opportunity to choose how they would like to be identified on various forms, such as a Maryland license, identification card, or moped operator's permit, ensuring their experiences are acknowledged in a way that respects their preferences.

As a Maryland business, we have been providing services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) for 50 years in Montgomery. From this experience, we know firsthand how this voluntary opportunity would assist persons supported within our services of 78 individuals occupying 50 residential settings. We've created an inclusive and supportive environment where individuals can Live, Grow, Work, and Thrive.

Humanity and empowerment are the questions that are put forth before you. Every individual should have the right to identify their disability if they choose and to have supportive documentation to include them in their independent living. With this opportunity, individuals who choose to have the notation can feel safe and respected.



The National Children's Center (NCC), a unique non-profit organization established in 1958, serves over 600 infants, children, and adults with and without disabilities in the Silver Spring metropolitan region. Our comprehensive programs span from infancy to senior years and aim to bridge education, poverty, and health gaps. Over 70% of our participants are diagnosed with a disability, and our programs provide crucial support through our Early Learning and Intervention Center and Community Support Programs.

At NCC, 15% of individuals utilize transportation for school and employment, while 85% participate in the Community Day Program as part of the person-centered approach to addressing their needs. Persons supported can engage in employment readiness services, which include career assessments and step-by-step job support along their journey.

The Community Support Services, including residential and Day Programs, provide services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They are matched with a dedicated Direct Support Professional to aid in their daily activities, enhancing their sense of well-being and independence. Individuals in our residential housing program learn life skills, such as how to safely utilize public transportation.

Persons Supported and their families look to our expertise concerning advocacy outreach efforts related to accessibility and accommodations. We respect each person's right to decide how their abilities are documented. However, systemic ableism can create barriers for individuals not given the choice to have their disability identified. We want to ensure that dignity and accuracy are at the forefront of challenging these barriers and encourage empowerment for individuals to say how their disabilities (invisible) are acknowledged through documentation.

On behalf of NCC, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak before you today. I would also like to express our deep appreciation for the Maryland General Assembly, which has been instrumental in ensuring access to services and programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have a meaningful and quality life. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance King

President and CEO

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February 13, 2025

Chair Marc Korman
Environment & Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee,

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland offers its strong and favorable support for House Bill 707 (HB 707) - Eric's ID Law. This bill ensures that individuals with non-apparent disabilities can voluntarily indicate their condition on their driver's license, identification card, or moped operator's permit. It mandates that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) include this notation upon request, prohibits the disclosure of this information to insurance companies, and requires law enforcement training on interacting with individuals with such disabilities. HB 707 is a necessary step toward improving public safety, disability awareness, and equitable access to accommodations in law enforcement and emergency situations. **HB 707 is a 2025 legislative priority for the Black Caucus.**

Studies have consistently shown that Black Americans face disparities in healthcare access and disability recognition, leading to underdiagnosis and inadequate accommodations for conditions such as autism, ADHD, PTSD, and other non-apparent disabilities. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Black children are five times less likely to receive early intervention services for developmental disabilities compared to their white counterparts, despite similar prevalence rates. Additionally, a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that Black individuals are more likely to experience misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis for conditions such as epilepsy, traumatic brain injuries, and mental health disorders, which can impact their interactions with law enforcement.

In Maryland, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reported that Black individuals make up 32% of the state's population but 43% of traffic stops, some of which escalate due to misunderstandings linked to cognitive or sensory disabilities. Ensuring that law enforcement officers are trained to recognize and appropriately interact with individuals with non-apparent disabilities is critical for preventing miscommunication, unnecessary escalation, and wrongful detainment. The notation provided under HB 707 can serve as a de-escalation tool, offering officers essential context while protecting individuals' rights.

Moreover, research from the Maryland Department of Disabilities shows that Black Marylanders with disabilities face higher rates of unemployment and economic hardship, making access to proper accommodations—including in transportation and identification—a matter of racial and economic justice. By allowing individuals to voluntarily disclose their non-apparent disabilities, HB 707 ensures that they receive appropriate considerations in situations where their disability might not be immediately recognizable, such as traffic stops or emergency medical responses. For these reasons, **the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland strongly supports HB 707.**

Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland

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Testimony In Support of (with Amendments) HB0707

Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

02/11/25

Position: Favorable with Amendments

My name is Katie York (they/them), and I am a community advocate and organizer. I have worked in higher education for over fifteen years. However, my proudest title is that of “parent.” Both my child and I have a non-apparent disability.

I am Autistic. I personally understand how scary it can be to worry that your normal behavior might look suspicious to those who do not know you, especially police. It is heartbreaking to think someone might mistake my not looking them in the eye as a sign I am lying to them, or that my “stimming” (behaviors meant to calm me when I am nervous or stressed, like rocking or tapping my hands) might signal to someone I am under the influence or otherwise a danger to myself and/or others. I sometimes misunderstand what people say, or as clarifying questions that might be perceived as non-compliance.

However, I worry that putting information about an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) on a license or state ID can open that individual up to additional discrimination. This proposed law is often described in the context of an interaction of a person with an IDD and law enforcement. But individuals may be asked to show a license or state ID in many other situations, such as during the employment process, getting into secure locations (like government buildings here in Annapolis but also their child’s school), while traveling, or when opening a bank account. In these types of situations, people viewing the license or ID will not necessarily have any additional training on IDD, but, depending on the final design of the designator, may now know this individual in front of them has an IDD.

Additionally, I believe the true focus should be on providing funding for better training for emergency personnel, especially law enforcement, who across the US are known to harm and kill Disabled people at a higher rate than non-disabled people¹, especially if the individual also holds another historically marginalized identity.² For example, Black and other People of Color are more likely to be harmed and killed because of interactions with law enforcement, especially if they are also Disabled.² However, I support individual choice and autonomy and understand that despite my personal reservations, people should have the option to include this designator on their license or ID if they wish.

I am requesting the following amendments:

- Clarify in writing that only the individual or their parent/legal guardian can request the IDD designation be added on an ID/license

Testimony In Support of (with Amendments) HB0707

Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

- Clarify in writing that the designation can be removed from the license at *any time* (not just upon 18th birthday) at the request of the applicant or their parent/legal guardian and there is no fee to get a corrected document if there are no other changes
- Work with existing groups, such as the Ethan Saylor Alliance and self-advocacy groups like People on The Go, to hire multiple people with developmental disability and intellectual disability from various backgrounds to both deliver and regularly update/revise the training
- Require this training annually for all emergency personnel, not just police

While I am suggesting amendments, I want to make it clear that I strongly support the core intent of this bill, which ultimately is keeping people safe and possibly save lives. As one person noted last year in testimony for a previous version of this bill, if this law can save one person's life, it will be worth it. Thank you for your consideration of both my concerns and proposed amendments to HB0707: *Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)*. I urge you to return a favorable report.

Regards,
Katie York
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Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

February 13, 2025

HB 707: Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator’s Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric’s ID Law)

Position: Support with Amendments

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (Council) creates change to make it possible for people with developmental disabilities to live the lives they want with the support they need. The Council is led by a diverse group of people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities.

The Council seeks to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have the same rights, opportunities, choices, and protections as other citizens. We absolutely prioritize the need for people with developmental disabilities to be protected and respected by law enforcement. In fact, our Five-Year State Plan that guides our work, includes two objectives and a variety of activities to support that priority.

There are many strong and diverse opinions about this issue and this bill among people with developmental disabilities and their families. Arguments range from the identification of a disability on a license or identification card will protect people with disabilities by providing necessary information to law enforcement during interactions with people with disabilities, to the deeply held belief that it is not possible to ensure adequate protections or safety for people with disabilities without more training and accountability for law enforcement.

Therefore, the Council can only support HB 707 which allows a person to indicate a nonapparent disability on their license, government identification, or moped operator’s permit **IF the following amendments are included:**

- 1. Ensure a person has the ability to remove the indication from a license or government issued identification at any time, and that the information provided cannot be used as the basis for referring someone to the Medical Advisory Board.** We appreciate that this is included in the legislation, but we understand the current system used by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) creates an electronic record, and the information about a person’s disability will be forever stored in the system once any information is collected. So, for example, if a parent chooses to indicate a child’s nonapparent disability, that information remains on the child’s record even as they age and remains even if, at the age of 18, the person no longer wants that information indicated.
 - **In 2020, the Maryland General Assembly passed SB885/HB1118 (Ch. 427) to require the Maryland MVA to provide voluntary Developmental Disability Self-Disclosure Cards.** These cards may be used by someone with a developmental disability to self-disclose a disability to police. The cards are kept with a person’s government issued identification or driver’s license. On one side of the card, the person with disabilities can include information about their disability, how they communicate, and any other pertinent information to share with

law enforcement personnel. The cards are designed to signal to officers that the driver has a disability and that they may need to communicate differently. The MVA now has these cards available upon request.

2. **Include more mandatory training for law enforcement that is consistent across the entire State.** In 2015, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation to create the Ethan Saylor Alliance (ESA) for Self Advocates as Educators. The ESA provides training for members of law enforcement and other public service entities on specific needs of those with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Under the ESA, people with disabilities take the central role in educating and informing law enforcement about the specific needs of those with disabilities and how to safely and supportively interact with people with disabilities. By allowing people with disabilities to lead the trainings, ESA is following best practices in creating change with law enforcement. **More needs to be done to fund this best practice and promote people with disabilities to lead trainings with law enforcement.**
3. **Establish and include specific accountability measures of law enforcement.** Once the required training is completed, the law enforcement officer should be expected to engage with Marylanders with disabilities as they were trained. If they are in violation, penalties or disciplinary measures should be implemented.

The amendments are important to the members of the Council. Our members feel strongly about the need to preserve the rights of people with disabilities so we avoid stigma and targeted victimization. Finally, **our members feel strongly that we need to protect people with disabilities who choose not to self-identify. That means if a person with disabilities does not want to use a disability notation on their ID, they should be treated with the same compassion, understanding, and respect as other Marylanders.**

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People on the Go of Maryland

HB 0707

Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and
Moped Operator's Permits - Notification of Non-apparent Disability
(Eric's ID Law)

Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's non-apparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that a certain license, identification card, or moped operator's permit include a notation of a non-apparent disability; and requiring the immediate implementation of training for law enforcement concerning interactions with persons with non-apparent disabilities.

Position: Oppose

February 13th 2025 at 1:00 pm

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committees

Written by Cody Drinkwater

Policy Coordinator - People On the Go of Maryland

Honorable Chairperson, and distinguished members of the Environment and Transportation Committees:

People On the Go of Maryland (POG) is a statewide self-advocacy organization, run for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD), and our mission is to promote self advocacy throughout the state.

POG respectfully offers this written testimony opposing HB0707, because the idea that someone's disability information would be documented on their vehicle permit or other form of identification, is disturbing to us.

1. It is important to note that, although a non-apparent disability designation is voluntary in theory, once information is on someone's permanent record, it is there permanently.
2. We understand the most current version of this bill proposes an option to allow for somebody to delete this designation upon their request. However, it is not clear whether or not the Motor Vehicle Administration's system has been updated to allow for such a deletion. In the past, this information has been permanently kept on the individual's record.
3. The MVA is not the only consideration: One must also consider what may happen if this law is passed, and a future legislature decides that all people with disabilities, apparent or not, must have a designation on their drivers license or other identification.
4. We understand that the intentions of the supporters of this bill are good. People with disabilities want to have positive interactions with law enforcement, as well as other first responders. However, we believe that passing legislation of this type is not the way to accomplish this.
5. We are now living in a time where individuals and minority communities are being targeted and their privacy is being violated. People in our community may

be subjected to greater predatory behavior, if it becomes known by members of the general public that somebody has a designation on their drivers license or ID. Having this information out in the open could potentially create harmful scenarios for people with disabilities.

6. According to the research done by POG and other disability rights groups in states where similar laws exist, no data has tracked whether such laws have any positive impact whatsoever in how police and other entities interact with people with disabilities.
7. Should this bill become law, police and first responders will expect people with disabilities to have designations on their identifications. People with disabilities who choose not to have a designation on their Driver's license or ID cards, will be treated differently.
8. Instead of this legislation, it would be more appropriate to provide additional training for police and other first responders on how to properly interact with the disability community. While the bill, as presently worded, does propose training, the specific training requirements are not outlined, and people with disabilities are not required to be part of the training.
9. Finally this legislation is unnecessary, because the MVA blue card legislation, already passed by the general assembly in 2019, allows for an individual to obtain a blue card from the MVA that they can fill out with their details and give to a police officer or first responder in the event of an interaction, without keeping their information in a database and exposing them to further stigma. There also exist alternative forms of identification similar to the blue card, that a person with a disability may buy on their own.

Once again we acknowledge the positive intention of the bill's sponsors, but this is not the solution. We hope you will consider the potential consequences before passing such a bill into law.

Therefore People on the Go advises an unfavorable report on HB0707. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Should you have any questions. Please contact Cody Drinkwater or Mat Rice.

Thank you,

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HB0707

February 13, 2025

TO: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 707 – Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

POSITION: Letter of Information

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) would like to provide a **letter of information** on House Bill (HB) 707 - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law).

HB 707 would provide individuals the option to notate on their licenses, identification cards, or moped operator's permits that they have a nonapparent disability, be that developmental or intellectual. HB 707 would require the administration to conduct outreach and engagement regarding the availability of the notation. The legislation also provides for protections for individuals who elect the notation to not be penalized by insurance providers.

Proponents of HB 707 believe that the bill will provide greater protections during interactions with law enforcement officers. This is because nonapparent disabilities are not immediately perceptible by officers; therefore, self-identification may limit confusion or escalation amongst officers by immediately communicating the challenges faced by or accommodations needed by a member of the public.

Conversely, disability rights advocates who are hesitant towards HB 707 argue that notation may result in individuals living with nonapparent disabilities being unnecessarily judged, discriminated, or defined by a constant public disclosure of their disability. Additionally, the selective notation of disabilities may result in individuals, who choose not to self-identify, being disbelieved by law enforcement officers in encounters where they notify the officer of their disability. Finally, discretionary identification of nonapparent disabilities could transcend into required identification, should law enforcement prefer and advocate for the expansion of the proposed notation system. This may foster further opportunities for discrimination and identification of marginalized identities under the pretext of public safety.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request consideration of its **letter of information** on HB 707, believing the benefits and drawbacks of the legislation must be adequately accounted for. The BCA believes it may be suitable to establish a workgroup to survey the perception, concerns, and needs of various disability advocacy organizations prior to the establishment of the notation system.