

SENATE BILL 28

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senators Simonaire, Young, Mathias, and Eckardt**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation for Surviving Spouses of**
3 **Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's
5 license or identification card of an applicant who presents certain proof that the
6 applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran includes a notation indicating that
7 status; requiring an application for a driver's license or an identification card to allow
8 an applicant to indicate that the applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran and
9 consents to being contacted by certain Executive Branch agencies under certain
10 circumstances for certain purposes; requiring the Administration to electronically
11 transmit certain information to certain Executive Branch agencies under certain
12 circumstances; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the
13 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to driver's licenses and identification
14 cards of surviving spouses of veterans.

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 12-302.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Transportation

2 12-302.1.

3 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER’S LICENSE OR
4 IDENTIFICATION CARD OF AN APPLICANT WHO PRESENTS PROOF ACCEPTABLE TO
5 THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A
6 VETERAN INCLUDES A NOTATION INDICATING THAT STATUS.

7 (B) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR AN
8 IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE
9 APPLICANT IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERAN AND CONSENTS TO BEING
10 CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES REGARDING THE
11 APPLICANT’S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL BENEFITS AS THE SURVIVING
12 SPOUSE OF A VETERAN.

13 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~§§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325~~ TITLE 4 OF THE
14 GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON
15 REQUEST BY AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
16 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE
17 INFORMATION ABOUT EACH APPLICANT WHO CONSENTS TO BEING CONTACTED IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

19 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
20 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.