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House Bill 1121

(Delegate R. Jones, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

Rules

Motor Vehicle Administration - Voluntary Developmental Disability Self-Disclosure Envelope

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), beginning January 1, 2023, to make a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure envelope available to any individual of driving age who requests one. If an individual who makes the request is a minor, MVA must provide the envelope to the individual's parent or guardian.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA advises it can implement the bill's changes with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Under current law, MVA is required to develop a form for a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card. The bill requires MVA to also develop a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure envelope and repeals the requirement to develop a form.

Under current law, the self-disclosure card must (1) be approximately the same size as a driver's license; (2) be printed on blue paper; (3) include space for an individual to provide details on a developmental disability; and (4) include written guidance on effective communication between law enforcement officers and people with developmental disabilities. The bill establishes the same requirements for the self-disclosure envelope and also authorizes either the card or the envelope to be printed on blue sturdy material.

Under current law, in developing the required form, MVA is required to consult with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and at least one independent organization that advocates on behalf of individuals with disabilities. Under the bill, MVA must continue to consult with the same organizations but, as the bill repeals the requirement to develop a form, the consultation must instead relate to the development of the self-disclosure card and envelope.

Under current law, generally, MVA may not maintain any records relating to the issuance of a voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card. The bill repeals this prohibition. Additionally, the bill requires MVA to develop informational materials about the availability of the voluntary developmental disability self-disclosure card and envelope that are:

- written in plain language;
- published on MVA's website;
- posted at all MVA locations;
- included in the driver's education curriculum; and
- made available to all individuals during the process of applying for (or renewing) a driver's license.

In developing these informational materials, MVA must consult with at least one organization that advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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