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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Driving Records – Disclosure of Medical Diagnosis**
3 **(Safeguarding American Families Everywhere Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an applicant for a driver’s license or a license holder to
5 voluntarily disclose to the Motor Vehicle Administration certain information
6 regarding certain medical diagnoses; requiring the Administration to include a
7 description of the voluntary disclosure in the applicant’s or license holder’s driving
8 record; and generally relating to motor vehicle driving records.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 16–125
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Individuals with special needs, including developmental disabilities and
16 mental illnesses, are among the most vulnerable individuals in their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Interacting with law enforcement officers or first responders in an
18 emergency, such as a motor vehicle crash or other crisis situation, can be more complex for
19 individuals with special needs, as language, physical, cognitive, learning, or mental
20 disabilities may create barriers to receiving immediate and appropriate assistance; and

21 WHEREAS, Providing law enforcement officers and first responders with advance
22 notice that an individual with whom they are about to interact may have a developmental
23 disability, mental illness, or other special need will improve communication, reduce

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 unnecessary adverse actions, and ensure that the individual receives the specific response
2 and care the individual requires; now, therefore,

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

5 **Article – Transportation**

6 **16–125.**

7 (A) AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR A LICENSE HOLDER MAY
8 VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE, ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THAT
9 THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE HOLDER HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A PHYSICIAN, OR IS
10 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A PHYSICIAN,
11 WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 12 (1) AUTISM OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER;
- 13 (2) ATTENTION–DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER;
- 14 (3) DOWN SYNDROME;
- 15 (4) ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE;
- 16 (5) TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY;
- 17 (6) POST–TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER;
- 18 (7) DIABETES;
- 19 (8) AN AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER;
- 20 (9) DEAFNESS OR HEARING IMPAIRMENT;
- 21 (10) BLINDNESS OR VISION IMPAIRMENT; OR
- 22 (11) ANY OTHER MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY LIMITING DISABILITY OR
23 DISORDER.

24 (B) (1) IF AN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE A BRIEF
26 DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE IN THE APPLICANT’S DRIVING RECORD.

1 **(2) THE DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE MAY NOT**
2 **INCLUDE:**

3 **(I) ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF AN**
4 **INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN THE DISCLOSURE; OR**

5 **(II) THE SPECIFIC DIAGNOSIS OR CONDITION DISCLOSED.**

6 **(C) (1) ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, AN INDIVIDUAL**
7 **WHO HAS MADE A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST TO REMOVE**
8 **THE DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
9 **DRIVING RECORD.**

10 **(2) AFTER RECEIVING A PROPERLY COMPLETED REQUEST FOR**
11 **REMOVAL, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REMOVE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE**
12 **VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVING RECORD.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2025.