

HOUSE BILL 248

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards, Licenses, and Permits**
3 **– Repeal of Color Photograph Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an
5 identification card, a driver's license, or a moped operator's permit issued by the
6 Motor Vehicle Administration be in color; and generally relating to the Motor Vehicle
7 Administration and identification card, license, and permit requirements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 12–301(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 12–301(g)(2)(v), 16–111.1(d)(2)(iv), and 16–122(d)(3)(v)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 12–301.

22 (a) On application, the Administration shall issue an identification card to any
23 applicant who:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Is a resident of this State;

2 (2) Does not have a driver's license;

3 (3) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable
4 to the Administration;

5 (4) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has
6 lawful status;

7 (5) (i) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant
8 has a valid Social Security number by presenting the applicant's Social Security
9 Administration account card or, if the Social Security Administration account card is not
10 available, any of the following documents bearing the applicant's Social Security number:

11 1. A current W-2 form;

12 2. A current SSA-1099 form;

13 3. A current non-SSA-1099 form; or

14 4. A current pay stub with the applicant's name and Social
15 Security number on it; or

16 (ii) Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant is
17 not eligible for a Social Security number; and

18 (6) Presents a completed application for an identification card on a form
19 furnished by the Administration.

20 (g) (2) The card shall contain:

21 (v) A [color] photograph of the applicant taken by the procedure that
22 the Administration requires;

23 16-111.1.

24 (d) (2) A noncommercial Class A, B, C, or M license shall include:

25 (iv) A [color] photograph of the applicant that is taken in accordance
26 with a procedure that the Administration requires;

27 16-122.

28 (d) Each identification card, moped operator's permit, and license to drive issued
29 or renewed in accordance with this section shall:

1 (3) Be of the size and design that the Administration requires,
2 tamperproof, to the extent possible, and contain:

3 (v) A [color] photograph of the applicant taken by the procedure that
4 the Administration requires;

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2026.