

# HOUSE BILL 23

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards – Issuance to Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from requiring a parent  
4 or legal guardian of a minor at least a certain age to cosign or be present at the time  
5 of submission of the minor's application for an identification card; requiring the  
6 Administration to adopt regulations establishing acceptable forms of documentation  
7 establishing proof of residency that a minor at least a certain age may use in an  
8 application for an identification card; and generally relating to State-issued  
9 identification cards for minors.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 12–301(a)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 12–301.

19 (a) (1) On application, the Administration shall issue an identification card to  
20 any applicant who:

21 [(1)] (I) Is a resident of this State;

22 [(2)] (II) Does not have a driver's license;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **[(3)] (III)** Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity  
2 acceptable to the Administration;

3                   **[(4)] (IV)** Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant  
4 has lawful status;

5                   **[(5) (i)] (V)**      1.     Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that  
6 the applicant has a valid Social Security number by presenting the applicant's Social  
7 Security Administration account card or, if the Social Security Administration account card  
8 is not available, any of the following documents bearing the applicant's Social Security  
9 number:

10                  [1.] A.       A current W-2 form;

11                  [2.] B.       A current SSA-1099 form;

12                  [3.] C.       A current non-SSA-1099 form; or

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

15                  [(ii)] 2.     Provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the  
16 applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number; and

17                  **[(6)] (VI)**   Presents a completed application for an identification card on a  
18 form furnished by the Administration.

19                  **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A PARENT OR LEGAL**  
20 **GUARDIAN OF A MINOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE TO COSIGN OR BE PRESENT AT**  
21 **THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE MINOR'S APPLICATION FOR AN IDENTIFICATION**  
22 **CARD.**

23                  **(3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**  
24 **ESTABLISHING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION ESTABLISHING PROOF OF**  
25 **RESIDENCY THAT A MINOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE MAY USE IN AN APPLICATION**  
26 **FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, INCLUDING:**

27                  1.     **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT RECORDS, REPORT CARDS, OR**  
28 **TRANSCRIPTS ISSUED BY A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL;**

29                  2.     **DOCUMENTATION FROM A HOMELESS SERVICES**  
30 **PROVIDER, SHELTER, OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY THAT VERIFIES RESIDENCY;**

31                  3.     **COURT DOCUMENTS;**

1                   **4. CHILD WELFARE AGENCY RECORDS;**

2                   **5. HEALTH INSURANCE DOCUMENTS;**

3                   **6. IF ACCOMPANIED BY SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION**  
4   **ESTABLISHING PROOF OF THE ADULT'S RESIDENCE, A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT**  
5   **SIGNED BY AN ADULT WITH WHOM THE MINOR RESIDES ATTESTING TO THE MINOR'S**  
6   **RESIDENCY; OR**

7                   **7. ANY OTHER DOCUMENT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION**  
8   **DETERMINES APPROPRIATE.**

9                   **(II) IF A MINOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE IS UNABLE TO**  
10   **PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL**  
11   **REAL ID ACT, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT**  
12   **IS NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT.**

13                  **(III) THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE**  
14   **ADMINISTRATION'S AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO**  
15   **COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT, INCLUDING**  
16   **DOCUMENTATION ESTABLISHING PROOF OF RESIDENCY.**

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