

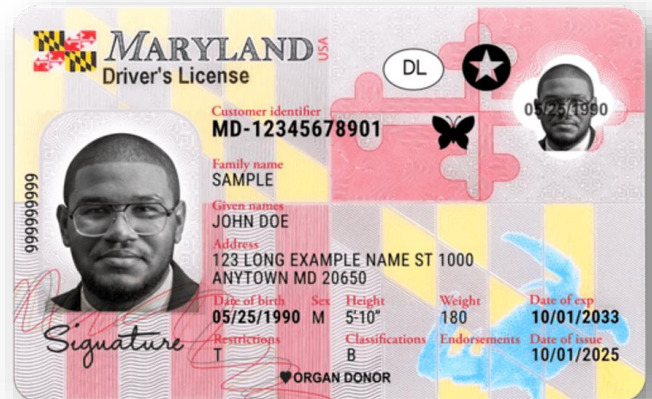
# Eric's ID Law in Maryland

## What is House Bill (HB) 707 Eric's ID Law?

On October 1, 2025, Maryland's House Bill (HB) 707 / Senate Bill 618 known as Eric's ID Law went into effect, allowing **residents with non-apparent disabilities to display a butterfly symbol** on their driver's license, ID cards, and moped permits.

## Where did the idea come from for House Bill (HB) 707 Eric's ID Law?

The law was inspired by Eric Carpenter-Grantham, a Marylander living with high-functioning autism. His mother, Linda Carpenter-Grantham, advocated tirelessly for the change after understanding how a lack of awareness about Eric's disability created unnecessary stress and misunderstanding during routine interactions.



## What is a non-apparent disability?

A **non-apparent disability**, also called **invisible disabilities**, is a disability that is not visibly or outwardly noticeable, but significantly affects a person's daily functioning.

## What are examples of non-apparent disabilities?

- **Mental Health Disorders:**
  - Anxiety
  - Depression
  - Bipolar disorder
  - Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- **Neurodivergent conditions:**
  - ADHD
  - Autism spectrum disorder
  - Dyslexia
  - Dyspraxia
  - Tourette syndrome
- **Chronic illness:**
  - Diabetes
  - Fibromyalgia
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Multiple sclerosis
- **Neurological or cognitive impairments:**
  - Traumatic brain injury
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Usher syndrome

## What is the purpose of Eric's ID Law?

- **Enhance safety** for the individual that has a non-apparent disability.
- **Promote understanding** of police and first responders of residents with non-apparent disabilities.
- **Protect privacy** of the individual, as the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) cannot share information about the applicant's disability. There is no proof required of the condition.

## How does a person get the butterfly symbol placed on the ID?

The butterfly symbol is **voluntary**. It can be requested by eligible residents.



## Why was the butterfly symbol chosen?

The butterfly symbol represents hope, peace, freedom, and inclusiveness for all disabilities.

## Do police officers and first responders get trained?

The law mandates training for police officers and first responders on how to recognize and interact appropriately once they see the butterfly symbol.



Photo by chalabalaphotos (Canva)

## Sources and Resources

- [MVA Introduces New Symbol on Driver's Licenses and ID Cards to Support Marylanders with Hidden Disabilities](#)
- [House Bill 707](#)
- [Approved House Bill 707](#)