

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-600.1, relating to people with  
3 disabilities that can impair communication; vehicle registration.

4 [H 1666]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-600.1 as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-600.1. Indication of special communication needs.**

9 A. As used in this section, "disability that can impair communication" means a condition with  
10 symptoms that can impair the ability of a person with such condition to receive, send, process, or  
11 comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal, or graphic symbol systems, including autism spectrum  
12 disorders as defined in § 38.2-3418.17 and hearing loss.

13 B. The Department shall include on the application for registration of a motor vehicle an option for  
14 the vehicle owner to, if applicable, voluntarily indicate that he has a disability that can impair  
15 communication. Any application on which the applicant indicates that he has such a disability shall be  
16 accompanied by a certification signed by a licensed physician that such individual has a disability that  
17 can impair communication.

18 C. Any vehicle owner with a driver's license indicator authorized pursuant to subsection K of  
19 § 46.2-342 or special identification card indicator authorized pursuant to subsection L of § 46.2-345  
20 shall be eligible for the registration indicator. Vehicle owners with a driver's license indicator or special  
21 identification card indicator may apply to the Department for a registration indicator in a manner  
22 prescribed by the Commissioner.

23 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-208, the Department shall provide information regarding  
24 vehicle registrants who have indicated, pursuant to subsection B or C, that they have a disability that  
25 can impair communication with employees and agents of criminal justice agencies as defined in  
26 § 9.1-101. The Department shall confirm the presence or absence of a registration indicator indicating  
27 that the registrant has a disability that can impair communication, but it shall not provide information  
28 about the type of health condition or disability that the registrant has.

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