

to provide for the renewal of the card; to provide for the form for card; to provide penalties for those who fraudulently apply for or use the card; to require the Motor Vehicle Administration to promote and encourage these special identification cards by utilization of the media, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 6-601, be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws", subtitle "Subtitle 6. Drivers' Licenses", to follow immediately after Section 6-507 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Part VI. Special Identification Cards", and to read as follows:

*Part VI. Special Identification Cards*

*6-601.*

*(a) Upon the request of any person who is a resident of Maryland who does not possess a driver's license, the Motor Vehicle Administration shall issue a special identification card to the person.*

*(b) A special identification shall be accepted as valid identification of the person to whom it was issued when the card is presented for the purpose of furnishing proof of the person's identification.*

*(c) The fee for the issuance of a special identification card is \$2.00 if the card is issued to any person under 65 years of age. No fee is required if the person requesting the card is 65 years of age or older.*

*(d) A special identification card shall expire every two years but may be renewed. The renewal fee is the same as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.*

*(e) A special identification issued under this section shall be similar in size, shape, and design to a driver's license, but the card shall clearly state that it does not enable the person to whom it is issued to operate a motor vehicle.*

*(f) Any fraud or misrepresentation in the application for or use of a special identification card issued under this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment of 90 days, or both. The penalties provided by this subsection are in lieu of the penalties imposed by Section 17-101 of this article.*

*(b) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall promulgate any rules and regulations it deems necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this section.*

*(h) The Administration shall utilize the various communications media throughout the State to inform Maryland residents of the provisions of this section and to encourage and promote the general public to take advantage of these provisions.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.