

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4053

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Heckert, Holstein, Moore, Pinson, and Shamblin

[Introduced; referred

to the Committee on]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §30-29-5b, relating to establishing the "blue envelope" program; and providing
3 for the distribution of envelopes to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 29. LAW-ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

§30-29-5b. Blue envelope program.

1 (a) Purpose. - The Legislature hereby establishes the Blue Envelope Program to assist
2 communication between law enforcement officers and individuals with autism spectrum disorder,
3 dementia, or intellectual and developmental disabilities during a motor vehicle-related interaction.

4 (b) Program development. -

5 (1) On or before January 1, 2027, the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles ("the
6 division"), in coordination with the West Virginia Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association,
7 shall design and make available a specially colored blue envelope that will hold a driver's essential
8 documents, including, but not limited to, a driver's license, vehicle registration, and an emergency
9 contact card.

10 (2) The envelope shall include communication guidance printed on its exterior to help law
11 enforcement officers recognize and adapt their approach when interacting with a participating
12 driver.

13 (3) Each participant shall also be provided with a window cling decal to display in their
14 vehicle, indicating participation in the program.

15 (4) Upon request of an eligible individual, or the parent or guardian of a participating minor,
16 the department shall provide the program package described in this section. The department shall
17 make program information and instructions for obtaining materials available on its official website.

18 (c) Eligibility and distribution. -

19 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, any individual with autism spectrum disorder, dementia, or
20 intellectual and developmental disabilities who holds a valid driver's license or permit may request

21 a blue envelope program package.

22 (2) Requests may be made to the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles office, county
23 sheriff's offices, or municipality police stations.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the blue envelope program.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law
and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.