

“JP’s Law”

About "JP's Law"

JP's Law is the 2014 Virginia Law that became effective in 7-1-14. Pam Mines, the mother of JP who has Autism, wanted to initiate proactive change and do something in honor of her son, not in memory of him. JP’s Law allows individuals to VOLUNTARILY add an innocuous code to their Virginia issued driver's licenses and/or identification card noting they have Autism or an Intellectual Disability. This will help law enforcement be more aware of an individual's diagnosis so they can better respond to their unique abilities and limitations avoid heartbreaking tragedies.

If you would like to get this specialized "JP's Law" ID, here is what you need to submit to Virginia’s DMV:

1. A **birth certificate** - that proves identity and legal presence.
2. **Proof of Residency** - (parents of minors may present their ID and proof of residency to certify to their child's Virginia residency).
3. A **statement from the doctor** - stating the individual applying for the specialized "JP's Law" Driver's License or Identification Card has an official diagnosis of Autism or an Intellectual Disability.
4. **Completed application** - if applying for a driver's license, you will need your Social Security Number.
5. Application **Fees** - **\$10 is the cost** to obtain or have an existing ID reissued **\$20 is the cost** to have a driver's license reissued with the innocuous code
6. If you are getting a driver's license for the first time, **you must pass the standard driving tests** before the "JP's Law" innocuous code can be noted on your Driver's License.

Remember this is a Virginia State Law. People all over Virginia can benefit from this specialized driver’s licenses/identification cards. The next goal is to take “JP’s Law” from being a State Law to becoming a National Law.