

**Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh**  
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An act to add Section 13009 to the Vehicle Code, relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 664, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. Vehicles: public safety: Blue Envelope Program.

Existing law establishes the Department of Motor Vehicles, tasked with issuance and renewal of licenses to drivers. Existing law requires the department to prescribe and provide suitable forms of applications, certificates of ownership, registration cards, driver's licenses, and all other forms that are deemed necessary.

This bill would, by January 1, 2027, require the department, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to develop a Blue Envelope Program. Under the program, the bill would require the blue envelope to contain specified information for requesters with a condition or disability, as specified. The bill would also authorize others, including a parent or legal guardian of a passenger with a disability, to request a blue envelope.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13009 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
2 read:

3 13009. (a) By January 1, 2027, the Department of Motor  
4 Vehicles, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall develop  
5 a Blue Envelope Program to promote inclusivity and enhanced  
6 communication between law enforcement and community members  
7 with a condition or disability where additional accommodations  
8 or awareness may be helpful. The blue envelope developed in the  
9 program shall contain the following:

10 (1) Printed information for the envelope's holder regarding  
11 traffic stop safety tips.

12 (2) Printed recommendations to the responding law enforcement  
13 officer with interaction techniques to help promote enhanced  
14 communication and accommodation between law enforcement  
15 and community members.

16 (3) Blank area where the individual, or their emergency contact,  
17 may add additional noteworthy comments pertaining to the  
18 individual's needs or requested accommodations.

19 (4) Blank area where the individual may write down the contact  
20 information of their emergency contact person.

21 (b) Upon request by a person who is protected by the Americans  
22 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336), a person who  
23 has a condition and may need additional accommodations with  
24 law enforcement, or a parent or other family member, legal  
25 guardian, conservator, or driver of a passenger with a disability,  
26 the department shall provide the requester a blue envelope. The  
27 blue envelope shall be designed to hold a copy of the person's  
28 operator license, vehicle registration, and insurance card.

29 (c) This section does not prevent a law enforcement agency  
30 from developing its own blue envelope or other products, including,  
31 but not limited to, lanyards, seatbelt covers, decals, stickers,  
32 wristbands, and keychains, so long as it follows the minimum  
33 requirements set forth in this section.

34 (d) Although law enforcement has a duty to extend reasonable  
35 accommodations or modifications in accordance with state and  
36 federal disability rights laws, this section does not require a peace  
37 officer to compromise their safety or the safety of others when

- 1 encountering a person who has presented a blue envelope or
- 2 associated products as described in subdivision (c).

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