



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4472

Introduced 1/20/2026, by Rep. Michelle Mussman

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 305/38 new

Amends the Secretary of State Act. Provides that the Secretary of State shall establish a program to be known as the Blue Envelope Program through which the Office of the Secretary of State shall design and make publicly available blue envelopes that may be used by individuals who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to hold documents required for the operation of a motor vehicle. Sets forth additional requirements. Provides that an individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder may voluntarily participate in the program. Provides that any information provided on the outside of the envelope shall be used solely to support safe and effective communication during interactions with first responders and law enforcement officers and shall not be entered into any federal, State, or local database. Provides that the Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement and administer the program.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Secretary of State Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 38 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 305/38 new)

7 Sec. 38. Blue Envelope Program.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, in consultation with a  
9 nonprofit organization that advocates for autistic individuals  
10 in this State, shall establish a program to be known as the  
11 Blue Envelope Program through which the Office of the  
12 Secretary of State shall design and make publicly available  
13 blue envelopes that may be used by individuals who have been  
14 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to hold documents  
15 required for the operation of a motor vehicle, including, but  
16 not limited to, the individual's driver's license and  
17 insurance card.

18 (b) The envelopes designed and made publicly available  
19 under subsection (a) shall:

20 (1) provide written information on the outside of the  
21 envelope that identifies the holder of the envelope as an  
22 individual who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum  
23 disorder;

1           (2) provide written guidance to assist law enforcement  
2           officers in effectively communicating with an individual  
3           who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and

4           (3) include an area on the envelope where the  
5           individual may provide emergency contact information.

6           (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall make the  
7           envelopes designed under subsection (a) publicly available at  
8           Driver Services facilities and the Illinois State Library.  
9           Upon request, the Secretary shall distribute the developed  
10           envelopes to State and local law enforcement agencies, fire  
11           departments, and libraries.

12           (d) An individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder  
13           may voluntarily participate in the program established under  
14           this Section. Any information provided on the outside of the  
15           envelope shall be used solely to support safe and effective  
16           communication during interactions with first responders and  
17           law enforcement officers and shall not be entered into any  
18           federal, State, or local database. This subsection shall not  
19           be construed to prohibit the issuance of a citation under  
20           Section 6-308 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

21           (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement  
22           and administer this Section.