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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 2369**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **220th LEGISLATURE**

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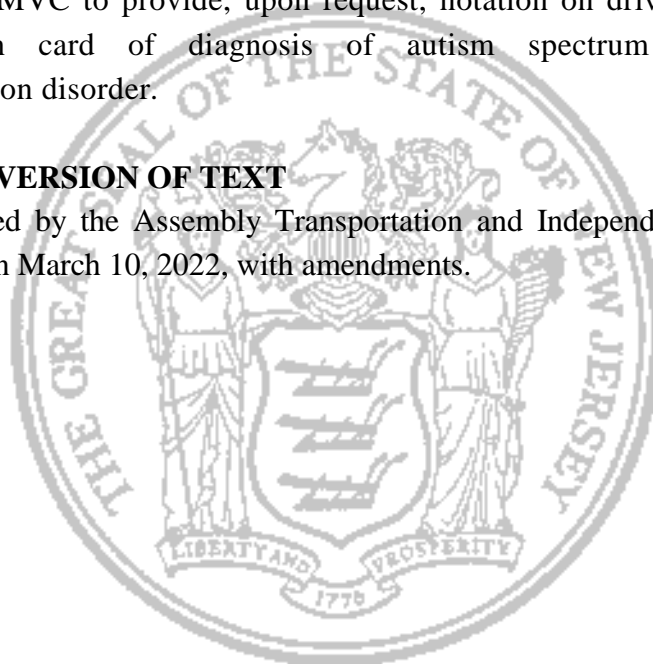
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires MVC to provide, upon request, notation on driver's license or identification card of diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on March 10, 2022, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/30/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning protections for drivers with certain medical  
2 conditions and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
8 Commission shall allow the holder of a driver's license or non-  
9 driver identification card to indicate that the person has been  
10 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or communication  
11 disorder.

12 b. Upon request by any person who has been diagnosed with an  
13 autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder<sup>1</sup>, or by the  
14 parent, guardian, or caregiver of the person,<sup>1</sup> and <sup>1</sup>upon<sup>1</sup>  
15 submission of any documentation required pursuant to subsection c.  
16 of this section, the chief administrator shall indicate the autism  
17 spectrum disorder or communication disorder diagnosis by notating  
18 such information on the person's driver's license or non-driver  
19 identification card under the column designated for restrictions.

20 c. The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the  
21 Commissioner of Human Services, establish the documentation  
22 required to be produced by a person who has been diagnosed with  
23 an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder, or by the  
24 parent, guardian, or caregiver of the person, in order to receive a  
25 driver's license or non-driver identification card with the notation  
26 authorized pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

27 d. The Commissioner of Human Services <sup>1</sup>and the Attorney  
28 General<sup>1</sup>, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Division of  
29 State Police within the Department of Law and Public Safety and at  
30 least one organization that advocates on behalf of persons who have  
31 been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or communication  
32 disorder, shall <sup>1</sup>["provide written"] jointly develop<sup>1</sup> guidance to  
33 assist law enforcement officers in effectively communicating with a  
34 person who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or  
35 communication disorder. The <sup>1</sup>["commissioner"] Attorney General<sup>1</sup>  
36 shall <sup>1</sup>["distribute"] ensure that<sup>1</sup> a copy of the written guidance, and  
37 any other related materials developed to facilitate compliance with  
38 the guidance, is distributed<sup>1</sup> to each police department in the State.

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40 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the <sup>1</sup>["thirteenth"]  
41 nineteenth<sup>1</sup> month following enactment.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted March 10, 2022.