LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE ASSEMBLY, No. 5274 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis:	Allows certain caregivers of person with intellectual disability to make use of reserved parking zones when transporting person with intellectual disability.
Type of Impact:	Annual State expenditure increase; Annual State revenue increase.
Agencies Affected:	New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Annual
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in annual expenditures for the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to issue special insignia, special vehicle identification cards, and placards to the primary caregivers, parents, and immediate family members of persons with an intellectual disability.
- The bill is also expected to increase annual commission revenues by an indeterminate amount from fees collected for the special insignia. Notably, the costs of producing the special vehicle identification cards, however, are to be borne by the State.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Commission to issue special insignia for motor vehicles that are owned or operated by the parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability and used to transport the person with an intellectual disability. Additionally, the bill allows the parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability to receive special identification card and a placard. The bill permits a motor vehicle owned or operated by a parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family



member of a person with an intellectual disability to park in spaces marked for vehicles for persons with physical disabilities when transporting a person with an intellectual disability.

Under current law, only certain motor vehicles, which are owned or operated by a public entity or nonprofit organization and used to transport a person with an intellectual disability, are authorized to receive an insignia, special vehicle identification card, a placard, and to park in a space reserved for vehicles transporting persons with a physical disability.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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The commission is already required to issue special insignia to certain applicants, including public entities and nonprofit organizations, which transport persons with an intellectual disability. Issuing the special insignia contemplated under this bill in a manner similar to the existing special insignia could limit the commission's up-front production costs. The commission will receive an indeterminate amount of annual revenue from fees charged to the applicants for the special insignia and their renewal. Notably, the costs of producing the special vehicle identification cards, however, are to be borne by the State. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 6.5 million people in the United States have an intellectual disability, which is about 2 percent of the population, and it is the most common developmental disability.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).