ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5274

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5274.

As reported, this bill amends current law to require the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue a special insignia for motor vehicles 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 a 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 that transport a person with an intellectual disability are authorized to receive an insignia, a special vehicle identification card, and a placard and to park in a space reserved for vehicles transporting persons with a physical disability. These motor vehicles are ones that are owned or operated by a federal, State, county, or municipal entity or a public or private nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.