

## CHAPTER 57

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

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

C.39:3-10f8 Driver's license, non-driver identification card, indicate, autism disorder, communication disorder, allowed, upon request.

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

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

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

d. The Commissioner of Human Services and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Division of State Police within the Department of Law and Public Safety and at least one organization that advocates on behalf of persons who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder, shall jointly develop guidance to assist law enforcement officers in effectively communicating with a person who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder. The Attorney General shall ensure that a copy of the written guidance, and any other related materials developed to facilitate compliance with the guidance, is distributed to each police department in the State.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the nineteenth month following enactment.

Approved May 15, 2023.