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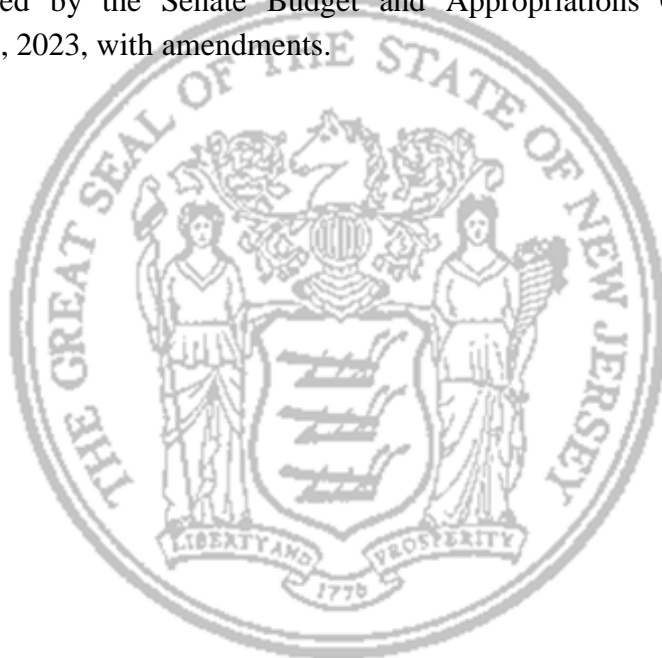
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on December 14, 2023, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/14/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**[notations]** a designation<sup>1</sup> on motor<sup>1</sup> vehicle  
2 <sup>1</sup>**[registration certificates]** registration information<sup>1</sup> indicating the  
3 registrant is deaf and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the  
4 <sup>1</sup>**[New Jersey]** Revised<sup>1</sup> Statutes.

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

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9 1. Upon application by any person with a hearing loss of a pure  
10 tone average of 41 dB or greater, verified by an  
11 otorhinolaryngologist (ENT) or an audiologist clinically certified by  
12 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the Chief  
13 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
14 <sup>1</sup>**[issue to the applicant a special registration certificate]** add a  
15 designation to the applicant's motor vehicle registration  
16 information<sup>1</sup> bearing the international symbol for deafness or a  
17 numerical code designating deafness <sup>1</sup>**[**, whichever shall be  
18 specified by the applicant<sup>1</sup>**]**. The deafness designation shall only  
19 <sup>1</sup>**[**be placed on the special registration certificate and renewal of  
20 such designation shall be done during renewal of a motor vehicle  
21 registration. The design of the special registration certificate shall  
22 be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
23 Vehicle Commission. No fee over and above the required fee for a  
24 registration certificate shall be imposed for the special registration  
25 certificate<sup>1</sup> appear when a law enforcement officer accesses the  
26 motor vehicle's license plate information through the commission's  
27 online interface with law enforcement agencies and shall only be  
28 used to alert the law enforcement officer that the person is deaf or  
29 hard of hearing<sup>1</sup>.

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31 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment  
32 and shall apply to motor vehicle <sup>1</sup>**[registration certificates]**  
33 registrations<sup>1</sup> issued or renewed on or after this date.

**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>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 14, 2023.