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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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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 and
14 submission of any documentation required pursuant to subsection c.
15 of this section, the chief administrator shall indicate the autism
16 spectrum disorder or communication disorder diagnosis by notating
17 such information on the person's driver's license or non-driver
18 identification card under the column designated for restrictions.

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

26 d. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with
27 the Superintendent of the Division of State Police within the
28 Department of Law and Public Safety and at least one organization
29 that advocates on behalf of persons who have been diagnosed with
30 an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder, shall
31 provide written guidance to assist law enforcement officers in
32 effectively communicating with a person who has been diagnosed
33 with an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder. The
34 commissioner shall distribute a copy of the written guidance to each
35 police department in the State.

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37 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
38 month following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill requires the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of
44 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow the holder of a
45 driver's license or non-driver identification card to indicate that the
46 person has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or
47 communication disorder, upon request of the person and submission of
48 any required documentation. The chief administrator is to indicate the

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1 diagnosis by notating the information on the person's driver's license
2 or non-driver identification card under the column designated for
3 restrictions.
4 The bill also requires the Commissioner of Human Services, in
5 consultation with the Superintendent of the State Police and at least
6 one organization that advocates on behalf of persons diagnosed with
7 an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder, to provide
8 written guidance to assist law enforcement officers in effectively
9 communicating with a person diagnosed with an autism spectrum
10 disorder or communication disorder. The commissioner is required to
11 distribute a copy of the written guidance to each police department in
12 the State.