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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on March 7, 2022, with amendments.



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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-driver
9 identification card to indicate that the person has been diagnosed with
10 an autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder.

11 b. Upon request by any person who has been diagnosed with an
12 autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder¹, or by the
13 parent, guardian, or caregiver of the person,¹ and ¹upon submission
14 of any documentation required pursuant to subsection c. of this
15 section, the chief administrator shall indicate the autism spectrum
16 disorder or communication disorder diagnosis by notating such
17 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 an
22 autism spectrum disorder or communication disorder, or by the parent,
23 guardian, or caregiver of the person, in order to receive a driver's
24 license or non-driver identification card with the notation authorized
25 pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

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

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37 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the ¹**[thirteenth]**
38 nineteenth¹ month following enactment.

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:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted March 7, 2022.