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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 Budget and Appropriations Committee on October 31, 2022, with amendments.

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S761 [2R] POU, CORRADO

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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 disorder¹, or by the
14 parent, guardian, or caregiver of the person,¹ and ¹upon¹
15 submission of any documentation required pursuant to subsection c.
16 of this section, the chief administrator shall indicate the autism
17 spectrum disorder or communication disorder diagnosis by notating
18 such information on the person's driver's license or non-driver
19 identification card under the column designated for restrictions.

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

27 d. The Commissioner of Human Services ²and the Attorney
28 General², in consultation with the Superintendent of the Division of
29 State Police within the Department of Law and Public Safety and at
30 least one organization that advocates on behalf of persons who have
31 been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or communication
32 disorder, shall ²[provide written] jointly develop² guidance to
33 assist law enforcement officers in effectively communicating with a
34 person who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or
35 communication disorder. The ²[commissioner] Attorney General²
36 shall ²[distribute] ensure that² a copy of the written guidance ², and
37 any other related materials developed to facilitate compliance with
38 the guidance, is distributed² to each police department in the State.

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40 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the ¹[thirteenth]
41 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.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted October 31, 2022.