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SYNOPSIS

Allows certain caregivers of person with intellectual disability to make use of reserved parking zones when transporting person with intellectual disability.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning reserved parking for caregivers of persons with
2 intellectual disabilities and amending P.L.1984, c.50.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.50 (39:4-207.3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
10 Commission shall issue a special insignia upon the application of a
11 federal, State, county or municipal entity or a public or private
12 nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of this State for
13 motor vehicles owned or operated by the applicant and used to
14 transport persons with intellectual disabilities. The insignia shall be
15 of a design and shall be posted or attached to the motor vehicle in a
16 place and manner to be determined by the chief administrator. The
17 fee for the issuance of an insignia shall be determined by the chief
18 administrator and the insignia shall be renewable annually by the
19 chief administrator at the time fixed for the annual registration of
20 the vehicle.

21 b. The chief administrator may also issue to an applicant for a
22 special insignia pursuant to subsection a. of this section and
23 subsection d. of this section, at the expense of the State, special
24 vehicle identification cards to be carried by the operators of motor
25 vehicles used to transport a person with an intellectual disability or
26 persons with intellectual disabilities. The cards shall be renewable
27 annually by the chief administrator at the time fixed for the annual
28 registration of the vehicles.

29 c. The chief administrator may also issue to an applicant for a
30 special insignia pursuant to subsection a. of this section and
31 subsection d. of this section a placard to be displayed on the motor
32 vehicle.

33 d. The chief administrator shall issue a special insignia upon
34 application of a primary caregiver, a parent, or an immediate family
35 member of a person with an intellectual disability for motor
36 vehicles owned or operated by the primary caregiver, parent, or
37 immediate family member and used to transport the person with an
38 intellectual disability. The insignia shall be of a design and shall be
39 posted or attached to the motor vehicle in a place and manner to be
40 determined by the chief administrator. The fee for the issuance of
41 an insignia shall be determined by the chief administrator and the
42 insignia shall be renewable annually by the chief administrator at
43 the time fixed for the annual registration of the vehicle.

44 (cf: P.L.2010, c.50, s.64)

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.

3. A motor vehicle owned or operated by a federal, State, county or municipal entity, owned or operated by a primary caregiver, a parent, or an immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability, or owned or operated by a public or private nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of this State and used to transport a person with an intellectual disability or persons with intellectual disabilities, and which is properly identified in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.2), is authorized to park in a space appropriately marked for vehicles for persons with physical disabilities pursuant to law whenever the vehicle is being used to transport a person with an intellectual disability or persons with intellectual disabilities.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month next following the date of enactment, but the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

This bill amends current law to require the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue a special insignia for motor vehicles owned or operated by the parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability and used to transport the person with an intellectual disability. Additionally, the bill allows the parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability to receive a special identification card and a placard. The bill permits a motor vehicle owned or operated by a parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability to park in spaces marked for vehicles for persons with physical disabilities when transporting a person with an intellectual disability.

Under current law, only certain motor vehicles that transport a person with an intellectual disability are authorized to receive an insignia, a special vehicle identification card, and a placard, and to park in a space reserved for vehicles transporting persons with a physical disability. These motor vehicles are ones that are owned or operated by a federal, State, county or municipal entity or a public or private nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.