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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. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 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 <u>a person with an intellectual disability or</u> 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 The chief administrator may also issue to an applicant for a c. 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 member of a person with an intellectual disability for motor 35 vehicles owned or operated by the primary caregiver, parent, or 36 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 the time fixed for the annual registration of the vehicle. 43 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.

1 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.50 (39:4-207.4) is amended to read 2 as follows: 3 3. A motor vehicle owned or operated by a federal, State, 4 county or municipal entity, owned or operated by a primary 5 caregiver, a parent, or an immediate family member of a person with an intellectual disability, or owned or operated by a public or 6 7 private nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of this 8 State and used to transport <u>a person with an intellectual disability or</u> 9 persons with intellectual disabilities, and which is properly 10 identified in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of 11 P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.2), is authorized to park in a space 12 appropriately marked for vehicles for persons with physical 13 disabilities pursuant to law whenever the vehicle is being used to 14 transport a person with an intellectual disability or persons with 15 intellectual disabilities. 16 (cf: P.L.2013, c.3, s.5) 17 18 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month 19 next following the date of enactment, but the Chief Administrator of 20 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take any 21 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be 22 necessary for the implementation of this act. 23 24 25 **STATEMENT** 26 27 This bill amends current law to require the Chief Administrator 28 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue a 29 special insignia for motor vehicles owned or operated by the parent, 30 primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an 31 intellectual disability and used to transport the person with an intellectual disability. Additionally, the bill allows the parent, 32 33 primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person with an 34 intellectual disability to receive a special identification card and a 35 placard. The bill permits a motor vehicle owned or operated by a 36 parent, primary caregiver, or immediate family member of a person 37 with an intellectual disability to park in spaces marked for vehicles 38 for persons with physical disabilities when transporting a person 39 with an intellectual disability. 40 Under current law, only certain motor vehicles that transport a 41 person with an intellectual disability are authorized to receive an 42 insignia, a special vehicle identification card, and a placard, and to 43 park in a space reserved for vehicles transporting persons with a 44 physical disability. These motor vehicles are ones that are owned 45 or operated by a federal, State, county or municipal entity or a 46 public or private nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws

47 of New Jersey.