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SYNOPSIS

Permits health care providers to report certain patient health problems to MVC.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on June 18, 2012, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of impaired drivers and
2 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. A ¹**[physician] health care provider**¹ may report to the
8 Motor Vehicle Commission the name, age, address, and description
9 of the alleged ¹**[disability] impairment**¹ of any person 16 years of
10 age or older diagnosed by the ¹**[physician] health care provider**¹
11 with a health problem which, in the ¹**[physician's] health care**
12 **provider's**¹ judgment, will significantly affect the person's ability to
13 safely operate a motor vehicle. The Chief Administrator of the
14 Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner
15 of the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall prescribe
16 and furnish the forms on which such reports are to be made.

17 b. In order to be assured that no person is unwarrantedly denied
18 the privilege of operating a motor vehicle in this State because of
19 reports submitted under the provisions of this act, the chief
20 administrator, in consultation with the commissioner, shall establish
21 a procedure for the evaluation and screening of cases so reported.

22 c. Reports submitted pursuant to the provisions of this act shall
23 be for the information of the chief administrator in administering
24 State motor vehicle laws and shall be kept in the confidence of the
25 commission and shall not be revealed or used by the commission in
26 any manner or any circumstances except for the purpose of
27 determining the eligibility of a person to operate a motor vehicle on
28 the highways of this State.

29 ¹d. For the purposes of this section, "health care provider"
30 means a physician or surgeon as defined in section 5 of P.L.1939,
31 c.115 (C.45:9-5.1) or a person licensed as: a doctor of podiatric
32 medicine pursuant to the R.S.45:5-1 et seq., a dentist pursuant to
33 R.S.45:6-1 et seq., an optometrist pursuant to R.S.45:12-1 et seq.,
34 an advanced practice nurse pursuant to P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-45
35 et seq.), or a practicing psychologist pursuant to P.L.1966, c.282
36 (C.45:14B-1 et seq.).¹

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 June 18, 2012.