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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the use of disability benefits for services
2 provided by transportation network companies and
3 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. The Department of Human Services shall authorize any
9 recipient of disability benefits in the State to use those benefits to
10 pay for transportation services provided by a transportation network
11 company.

12 b. The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the
13 Department of Transportation, shall develop and implement a
14 public awareness campaign to inform the recipients of disability
15 benefits of their transportation options under this section.

16 c. As used in this section:

17 “Disability benefits” means Social Security Disability Insurance
18 benefits, temporary disability insurance benefits, benefits from the
19 Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, assistance for the
20 permanently and totally disabled, or any other monetary benefits
21 received from the State or federal government as a result of
22 permanent or temporary disability.

23 “Transportation network company” means the same as that term
24 is defined by section 2 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-2).
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26 2. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with
27 the Commissioner of Transportation, shall adopt rules and
28 regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
29 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
30 implement the provisions of this act.
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32 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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35 STATEMENT
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37 This bill would require the Department of Human Services to
38 authorize any recipient of disability benefits to use those benefits to
39 pay for transportation provided by a transportation network
40 company. A transportation network company is any corporation,
41 partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity that is registered as
42 a business in the State, or that operates in the State, and which uses
43 a digital network to connect a transportation network company rider
44 to a transportation network company driver to provide a
45 prearranged ride. Approved transportation network companies in
46 New Jersey currently include Uber and Lyft.

47 The bill would also require the Department of Human Services,

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1 working in consultation with the Department of Transportation, to
2 develop and implement a public awareness campaign to inform the
3 recipients of disability benefits of their transportation options under
4 the bill.