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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special parking insignias for passenger automobiles used to transport the developmentally disabled.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles used to transport certain
2 developmentally disabled persons and supplementing chapter 4
3 of 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. For purposes of this act, "developmental disability" means a
9 severe, chronic disability of a person which:

10 a. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or
11 combination of mental or physical impairments;

12 b. is manifest before age 22;

13 c. is likely to continue indefinitely;

14 d. results in substantial functional limitations in three or more
15 of the following areas of major life activity, that is, self-care,
16 receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction
17 and capacity for independent living or economic self-sufficiency;
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19 e. reflects the need for a combination and sequence of special
20 inter-disciplinary or generic care, treatment or other services which
21 are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned
22 and coordinated.

23 Developmental disability includes, but is not limited to, severe
24 disabilities attributable to mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy,
25 epilepsy, spina bifida and other neurological impairments where the
26 above criteria are met.

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28 2. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
29 Commission, upon application, shall issue a special insignia for a
30 passenger automobile registered in this State that is used to
31 transport a person with a developmental disability. The insignia
32 shall be of a design and shall be posted or attached to the passenger
33 automobile in a place and manner to be determined by the chief
34 administrator. The fee for the issuance of an insignia issued under
35 this section shall be determined by the chief administrator;
36 provided, however, that fee shall not exceed the actual costs
37 incurred by the commission in issuing the insignia. The insignia
38 shall be renewable annually by the chief administrator at the time
39 fixed for the annual registration of the passenger automobile.

40 No more than one insignia may be issued to an approved
41 applicant who provides transportation for a person with a
42 developmental disability.

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44 3. The chief administrator, in accordance with the provisions of
45 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
46 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
47 this act.

5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month next following enactment; provided, however, the chief administrator may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of the act.

This bill authorizes the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to issue special insignias for the passenger automobiles of individuals who provide transport to persons with developmental disabilities. Under the provisions of the bill, the vehicles with these insignias would be permitted to park in handicapped parking spaces when they are being used to transport a person with a developmental disability.

Currently, vehicles owned or operated by a public entity or by a public or private nonprofit organization that are used to transport persons with developmental disabilities may lawfully park in handicapped parking spaces.