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SYNOPSIS

Requires Chief Administrator of MVC to establish transportation network company rider safety awareness campaign.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning transportation network company rider safety
2 and supplementing P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-1 et seq.).

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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. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
8 Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Attorney General,
9 shall establish a public awareness campaign to inform the general
10 public about transportation network companies and to improve
11 public awareness of safe practices when using transportation
12 network company services.

13 b. The public awareness campaign shall include development
14 and implementation of public awareness and outreach efforts to
15 inform the public about transportation network company rider
16 safety, including, but not limited to, the importance for a rider to:

17 (1) plan ahead before requesting a prearranged ride from a
18 transportation network company;

19 (2) confirm that the license plate number, driver picture, and
20 driver name all match what is listed on the transportation network
21 company's digital network;

22 (3) ride in the backseat of the transportation network company
23 driver's personal vehicle when riding alone;

24 (4) wear a seatbelt in order to reduce injuries related to car
25 accidents;

26 (5) personally map the route during the prearranged ride to
27 ensure the transportation network company driver is taking the rider
28 to the correct destination;

29 (6) share trip details with a friend, including the rider's
30 estimated time of arrival to the requested destination;

31 (7) refrain from sharing any personal information with the
32 transportation network company driver;

33 (8) ask the transportation network company driver "what's my
34 name?" before entering the transportation network company
35 driver's personal vehicle to ensure the rider is entering the correct
36 vehicle; and

37 (9) review information concerning available safety features on a
38 transportation network company's digital network before requesting
39 a ride from the transportation network company.

40 c. The chief administrator shall provide printed and electronic
41 materials concerning the need for the public to take safety
42 precautions when using transportation network company services
43 and shall disseminate those materials to: every public and private
44 institution of higher education, as defined in N.J.S.18A:72A-3,
45 throughout the State; at public venues throughout the State; and to
46 any other locations the chief administrator deems appropriate.

47 d. The chief administrator shall report to the Governor, and
48 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the

1 Legislature, no later than 24 months after the effective date of this
2 act, on the activities and accomplishments of the public awareness
3 campaign.

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
11 Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation
12 with the Attorney General, to establish a public awareness
13 campaign to inform the general public about transportation network
14 companies and to improve public awareness of safe practices when
15 using transportation network company services. The chief
16 administrator is required to provide printed and electronic materials
17 concerning the need for the public to take safety precautions when
18 using transportation network company services and is required to
19 disseminate those materials to every public and private institution
20 of higher education throughout the State; at public venues
21 throughout the State; and to any other locations the chief
22 administrator deems appropriate. The chief administrator is required
23 to report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the
24 activities and accomplishments of the public awareness campaign
25 within two years of the effective date of the bill.