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SYNOPSIS

Permits persons who are hearing impaired to apply for vehicle identification placards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning vehicle identification placards for persons with
2 certain disabilities and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised
3 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. Upon application by any person who has been issued a
9 driver's license with a numerical code designating hearing-
10 impairment pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1983, c.493 (C.39:3-11a),
11 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
12 Commission shall issue a corresponding windshield placard for use
13 on a vehicle owned or operated by the applicant. The windshield
14 placard shall bear the international symbol of the deaf and shall be
15 posted or attached to the motor vehicle in a place and manner to be
16 determined by the chief administrator. The commission shall not
17 charge a fee for the issuance of the windshield placard.

18 b. Nothing in this section shall permit a person who uses the
19 windshield placard, issued pursuant to this section, to receive parking
20 privileges reserved for persons with disabilities, unless the person is
21 otherwise eligible to receive those parking privileges and has
22 received a placard, issued in accordance with P.L.1949, c.280
23 (C.39:4-204 et seq.).

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25 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
26 month after the date of enactment and the Chief Administrator of the
27 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take such
28 administrative action in advance as may be necessary for the timely
29 implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill permits any person who has been issued a driver's license
35 with the numerical code designating hearing-impairment to apply to
36 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
37 Commission (chief administrator) for a corresponding windshield
38 placard for use on a vehicle owned or operated by the applicant.

39 The windshield placard is to bear the international symbol of the
40 deaf, be posted or attached to the motor vehicle in a place and manner
41 to be determined by the chief administrator, and be free of charge to
42 applicants.

43 Under the bill, a person who uses the windshield placard is not
44 permitted to receive parking privileges reserved for persons with
45 disabilities, unless the person is otherwise qualified and authorized
46 to receive those parking privileges.