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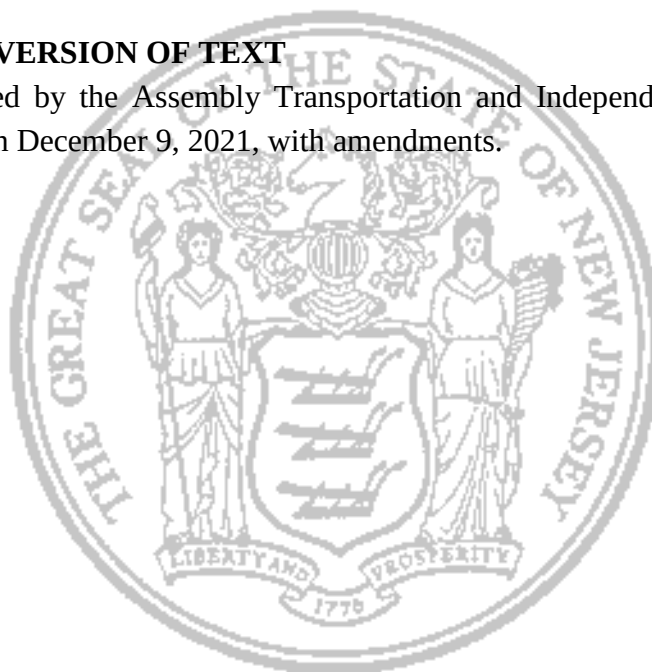
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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to issue special identification documents to persons diagnosed with autism upon request.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/8/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning protections for drivers with certain medical
2 conditions and 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. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
8 Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of Human
9 Services, the Superintendent of the Division of State Police within
10 the Department of Law and Public Safety, and at least one
11 organization that advocates on behalf of persons who have been
12 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, shall design ¹**and**
13 **make available blue envelopes that** a special driver's license and
14 non-driver identification card bearing a digital imprint visible to
15 law enforcement, which¹ may be utilized by ¹**[a person who has]**
16 persons who have¹ been diagnosed with an autism spectrum
17 disorder.

18 b. ¹**[The blue envelopes developed pursuant to subsection a. of**
19 **this section shall: (1) be of a color shade easily recognizable to law**
20 **enforcement officers; (2) be capable of holding a person's driver's**
21 **license, motor vehicle registration card, and insurance identification**
22 **card; (3) provide written information on the outside of the envelope**
23 **identifying the envelope holder as a person who has been diagnosed**
24 **with an autism spectrum disorder; and (4) provide written guidance**
25 **to assist law enforcement officers in effectively communicating**
26 **with a person who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum**
27 **disorder]** Upon application by any person who has been diagnosed
28 with an autism spectrum disorder, the chief administrator shall issue
29 to the applicant the special driver's license or non-driver
30 identification card bearing the digital imprint designed in
31 accordance with subsection a. of this section. No fee over and
32 above the required fee for a driver's license or non-driver
33 identification card shall be imposed for the special driver's license
34 or special non-driver identification card¹.

35 c. The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the
36 Commissioner of Human Services, establish the documentation
37 required to be produced by a person who has been diagnosed with
38 an autism spectrum disorder, or by the parent, guardian, or
39 caregiver of the person, in order to receive ¹**[an envelope issued**
40 **pursuant to subsection a.]** a special driver's license or non-driver
41 identification card issued pursuant to subsection b.¹ of this section.

42 ¹d. The commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of
43 Human Services, the Superintendent of the Division of State Police
44 within the Department of Law and Public Safety, and at least one
45 organization that advocates on behalf of persons who have been

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:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, shall provide written
2 guidance to assist law enforcement officers in effectively
3 communicating with a person who has been diagnosed with an
4 autism spectrum disorder. The commission shall distribute a copy
5 of the written guidance to each police department in the State.¹

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7 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
8 month following enactment.