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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to allow person to indicate special needs with motor vehicle registration.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning motor vehicle registrations and persons with
2 special needs 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. As used in this section, “special needs” means a physical,
8 mental, or developmental disability that substantially limits one or
9 more major life activities.

10 b. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
11 Commission shall permit a person to designate, as part of the
12 person’s motor vehicle registration and on a voluntary basis, that
13 the person has special needs or that an immediate family member of
14 the person who regularly operates the motor vehicle has special
15 needs.

16 The commission shall permit a person to make this designation
17 upon an application for a motor vehicle registration, upon renewal
18 of a motor vehicle registration, or at any time through the
19 commission’s Internet website. In addition to the designation, the
20 person may submit any additional information that may assist law
21 enforcement officials in communicating with the person with
22 special needs. The commission shall allow a person to revise and
23 update the designation and information or remove the designation
24 and information at any time.

25 c. The designation and information submitted pursuant to this
26 section shall only be available to: (1) employees of the commission
27 who are selected by the chief administrator to collect and maintain
28 the designation and information; and (2) law enforcement officials
29 when accessing the person’s motor vehicle records. The
30 designation and information shall be used only during a motor
31 vehicle stop to assist law enforcement officials in identifying and
32 effectively communicating with a person who has special needs and
33 shall not be used for any other purpose.

34 Any designation and information submitted to the commission
35 pursuant to this section shall not be considered a government record
36 pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404
37 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to
38 government records and shall not be discoverable as a government
39 record by any person, entity, or governmental agency, except upon
40 a subpoena issued by a grand jury or a court order in a criminal
41 matter.

42 d. The chief administrator may adopt, pursuant to the
43 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
44 1 et seq.), any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation
45 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
46 bill).

