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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to issue blue envelopes that hold documents required to operate motor vehicle to persons diagnosed with autism.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee with technical review.



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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 and make
13 available blue envelopes that may be utilized by a person who has
14 been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

15 b. The blue envelopes developed pursuant to subsection a. of
16 this section shall: (1) be of a color shade easily recognizable to law
17 enforcement officers; (2) be capable of holding a person's driver's
18 license, motor vehicle registration card, and insurance identification
19 card; (3) provide written information on the outside of the envelope
20 identifying the envelope holder as a person who has been diagnosed
21 with an autism spectrum disorder; and (4) provide written guidance
22 to assist law enforcement officers in effectively communicating
23 with a person who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum
24 disorder.

25 c. The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the
26 Commissioner of Human Services, establish the documentation
27 required to be produced by a person who has been diagnosed with
28 an autism spectrum disorder, or by the parent, guardian, or
29 caregiver of the person, in order to receive an envelope issued
30 pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
39 Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation
40 with the Commissioner of Human Services (commissioner), the
41 Superintendent of the Division of State Police within the
42 Department of Law and Public Safety, and at least one organization
43 that advocates on behalf of persons who have been diagnosed with
44 an autism spectrum disorder, to design and make available blue
45 envelopes that may be utilized by a person who has been diagnosed
46 with an autism spectrum disorder.

47 Under the bill, the blue envelopes are required to: (1) be of a
48 color shade easily recognizable to law enforcement officers; (2) be

1 capable of holding a person's driver's license, motor vehicle
2 registration card, and insurance identification card; (3) provide
3 written information on the outside of the envelope identifying the
4 envelope holder as a person who has been diagnosed with an autism
5 spectrum disorder; and (4) provide written guidance to assist law
6 enforcement officers in effectively communicating with a person
7 who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

8 The bill also requires that the chief administrator, in consultation
9 with the commissioner, establish the documentation required to be
10 produced by a person who has been diagnosed with an autism
11 spectrum disorder, or by the parent, guardian, or caregiver of the
12 person, in order to receive an envelope.