

# SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1471**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1471.

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

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

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

The bill also provides that a citation for a violation of law is not to be issued and a penalty or fine is not to be assessed for operating a motor vehicle with a valid windshield placard, issued pursuant to this bill.

The committee amended the bill to provide that a person may not be cited or assessed a penalty or fine for operating a motor vehicle with a valid windshield placard that is posted or attached in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The amendments also clarify that a person issued a windshield placard under the provisions of the bill and who has received a person with a disability placard or license plate may receive parking privileges reserved for persons with disabilities.