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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for autism  
3 spectrum disorder designation on driver's license or  
4 identification card and for contributions for autism spectrum  
5 disorder awareness; and establishing the Autism Spectrum  
6 Disorder Awareness Account.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1510 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
11 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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13 (c.1) Autism spectrum disorder designation.--The following  
14 shall apply:

15 (1) An individual who is diagnosed with an autism  
16 spectrum disorder may request to have a notation of the  
17 diagnosis placed on the individual's driver's license or  
18 identification card. The individual shall present the

1 department with a sworn statement from a qualified medical  
2 professional licensed in this Commonwealth verifying the  
3 diagnosis. The individual must provide the department with  
4 permission to make public the diagnosis on the individual's  
5 driver's license or identification card.

6 (2) A parent or guardian of an individual under 18 years  
7 of age or under guardianship may request the notation  
8 provided under this subsection to be placed on the  
9 individual's driver's license or identification card. The  
10 parent or guardian must comply with all of the requirements  
11 under paragraph (1).

12 (3) The department shall promulgate regulations  
13 necessary to administer this subsection.

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15 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
16 § 1521. Autism spectrum disorder awareness.

17 (a) Contributions.--The department shall provide an  
18 applicant for an original or renewal driver's license or  
19 identification card the opportunity to make a contribution of \$1  
20 to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account established  
21 under this section. The contribution shall be added to the  
22 regular fee for an original or renewal driver's license or  
23 identification card. One contribution may be made for each  
24 issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification  
25 card. The department shall monthly determine the total amount  
26 contributed under this section and shall report that amount to  
27 the State Treasurer, who shall transfer that amount to the  
28 Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account.

29 (b) Account.--The Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account  
30 is established as a restricted account within the General Fund.

1 Money in the account shall be appropriated on a continuing basis  
2 and shall be used exclusively by the Department of Health for  
3 education and training of working professionals on autism  
4 spectrum disorder.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.