

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
 3 issuance and content of driver's license, providing for
 4 contributions for autism spectrum disorder awareness and
 5 establishing the Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1510 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
 9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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12 (a.2) Autism spectrum disorder designation.--

13 (1) An individual who is diagnosed with an autism
 14 spectrum disorder may request to have a notation of the
 15 diagnosis placed on the individual's driver's license or
 16 identification card. The individual must present the
 17 department with a sworn statement from a qualified medical
 18 professional licensed in this Commonwealth verifying the
 19 diagnosis. By submitting the request, the individual consents

1 for the department to make public the diagnosis on the
2 individual's driver's license or identification card.

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

9 (3) The department shall promulgate regulations
10 necessary to administer this subsection.

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12 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
13 § 1521. Autism spectrum disorder awareness.

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

26 (b) Account.--The Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account
27 is established as a restricted account within the General Fund.
28 Money in the account shall be appropriated on a continuing basis
29 to the Department of Health for education and training of
30 working professionals on autism spectrum disorder.

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