

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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.--

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

1 diagnosis. By submitting the request, the individual consents  
2 for the department to make public the diagnosis on the  
3 individual's driver's license or identification card.

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

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

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13 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
14 § 1521. Autism spectrum disorder awareness.

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

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

1 working professionals on autism spectrum disorder.

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