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AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
issuance and content of driver's license.

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

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

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(a.2) Disability designation.--

(1) An individual who is diagnosed with a disability may
request to have a disability identifier symbol placed on the
individual's driver's license or identification card. The
following shall apply:

(i) At the individual's voluntary request, the
department shall issue the individual's driver's license

or identification card bearing the disability identifier symbol if the individual presents the department with a sworn statement signed by a qualified medical professional certifying that the individual has a disability. A qualified medical professional may only issue the certification if the disability that is the subject of the disability identifier symbol is within the scope of practice of the medical professional.

(ii) The individual shall not be required to provide further documentation that the individual has a disability for the purpose of renewal or reissuance of the driver's license or identification card that bears a disability identifier symbol.

(2) A disability identifier symbol placed on an individual's driver's license or identification card must:

(i) be discreet;

(ii) represent all types of disabilities, including cognitive, mental, neurological and physical disabilities; and

(iii) Designed in coordination with Pennsylvania State Police for size, location, and privacy considerations.

(3) The department may not charge a fee solely for placing a disability identifier symbol on a driver's license or identification card. The method must provide a means by which the owner may cancel the designation at any time.

(4) The department shall create a form for a qualified medical professional to certify that an individual has a

disability for the purpose of issuing a driver's license or identification card with a disability identifier symbol.

(5) By submitting the request under paragraph (1), the individual consents for the department to make public the disability on the individual's driver's license or identification card.

(6) A parent or guardian of an individual under 18 years of age or under guardianship may request a disability identifier symbol to be placed on the individual's driver's license or identification card. The requirements and conditions specified under this subsection regarding the disability identifier symbol shall apply in the case of the request made by the parent or guardian.

(7) The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to administer this subsection.

(8) As used in this subsection, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this paragraph unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Disability." Includes a cognitive, mental, neurological or physical impairment that substantially limits an individual's movements, senses or activities.

"Qualified medical professional." Any of the following:

(i) A licensed physician.

(ii) A licensed chiropractor.

(iii) A licensed psychiatrist.

(iv) A commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the United States.

(v) A licensed physician assistant.

(vi) A licensed podiatrist.

(vii) A certified registered nurse practitioner.

(viii) A licensed psychologist.

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