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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1510 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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10 (a.2) Communication impairment designation.--

11 (1) Beginning as soon as practicable, but no later than  
12 18 months following the effective date of this subsection,  
13 the department shall issue a driver's license or  
14 identification card that clearly indicates that the person  
15 has a communication impairment. A qualified applicant is an  
16 individual who has been diagnosed by a licensed medical  
17 professional as deaf, having a hearing impairment or with  
18 autism, Asperger's Syndrome or any other medical condition  
19 that substantially impairs the individual's ability to

1 communicate verbally.

2 (2) Upon receipt of an application from a qualified  
3 applicant accompanied by such documentation as the department  
4 shall require, the department shall issue to the qualified  
5 applicant a driver's license or identification card  
6 displaying a communication impairment designation. There  
7 shall be no fee for the designation under this subsection,  
8 but the qualified applicant must pay any renewal or duplicate  
9 driver's license or identification card fees.

10 (3) A person who falsely represents himself as having a  
11 communication impairment as described in paragraph (1) on an  
12 application for a driver's license or identification card is  
13 subject to the penalty under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904(b) (relating  
14 to unsworn falsification to authorities).

15 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
16 require an individual who has a communication impairment as  
17 described in paragraph (1) to obtain the designation under  
18 this subsection.

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