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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) Disability designation.--

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

15 (i) At the individual's voluntary request, the  
16 department shall issue the individual's driver's license  
17 or identification card bearing the disability identifier

1 symbol if the individual presents the department with a  
2 sworn statement signed by a qualified medical  
3 professional certifying that the individual has a  
4 disability. A qualified medical professional may only  
5 issue the certification if the disability that is the  
6 subject of the disability identifier symbol is within the  
7 scope of practice of the medical professional.

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

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

15 (i) be discreet;

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

19 (iii) be designed in coordination with the  
20 Pennsylvania State Police for size, location and privacy  
21 considerations.

22 (3) The department may not charge a fee solely for  
23 placing a disability identifier symbol on a driver's license  
24 or identification card.

25 (4) The department shall create a form for a qualified  
26 medical professional to certify that an individual has a  
27 disability for the purpose of issuing a driver's license or  
28 identification card with a disability identifier symbol.

29 (5) By submitting the request under paragraph (1), the  
30 individual consents for the department to make public the

1 disability on the individual's driver's license or  
2 identification card.

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

10 (7) The department shall promulgate regulations  
11 necessary to administer this subsection, including a means by  
12 which the designation may be withdrawn and the disability  
13 identifier symbol removed.

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

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

20 "Qualified medical professional." Any of the following:

21 (i) A licensed physician.

22 (ii) A licensed chiropractor.

23 (iii) A licensed psychiatrist.

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

26 (v) A licensed physician assistant.

27 (vi) A licensed podiatrist.

28 (vii) A certified registered nurse practitioner.

29 (viii) A licensed psychologist.

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