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SENATE, No. 1742

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 23, 1982

By Senator RAND

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning driver's licenses ***[and license plates]*** for hearing-impaired persons and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 ***[1.** Upon application by any person with a hearing loss of a pure
2 tone average of 41 dB or greater, verified by an otorhinolaryn-
3 gologist (ENT) or by an audiologist clinically certified by the
4 American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association, the Director
5 of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue special license plates
6 bearing the international symbol of the deaf for no more than two
7 motor vehicles owned, operated, or leased by the applicant. The de-
8 sign of the special license plates shall be approved by the Director
9 of the Division of Motor Vehicles. No fee over and above the regis-
10 tration fee imposed for the vehicle shall be imposed for the special
11 license plates.]**

1 ***[2.]* *1.*** Upon application by any person with a hearing loss
2 of a pure tone average of 41 dB or greater, verified by an otorhino-
3 laryngologist (ENT) or by an audiologist clinically certified by the
4 American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association, the Director
5 of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the applicant a
6 ***[a]*** special driver's license bearing **either** the international
7 symbol of the deaf **or a numerical code designating hearing-im-*
8 *pairment, whichever shall be specified by the applicant**. The de-
9 sign of the special driver's license shall be approved by the Director
10 of the Division of Motor Vehicles. No fee over and above the re-
11 quired fee for a driver's license shall be imposed for the special
12 driver's license.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted February 28, 1983.**

1 ***[3.]*** *2.* Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
2 P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the Director of the Division
3 of Motor Vehicles shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectu-
4 ate the purposes of this act.

1 ***[4.]*** *3.* This act shall take effect on the one hundred and
2 eighty-first day following enactment.

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1 3. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968,
2 c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the Director of the Division of Motor
3 Vehicles shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
4 purposes of this act.

1 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred and eighty first
2 day following enactment.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to permit certain hearing-impaired persons to apply for special license plates and special driver's licenses bearing the international symbol for the deaf.

No fee over and above the fee for registering the motor vehicle and the fee for the driver's license would be imposed for the special license plates and driver's licenses.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1742

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 1983

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that hearing-impaired persons be permitted to apply for a special driver's license bearing either the international symbol of the deaf or a numerical code designating hearing impairment, whichever shall be specified by the applicant for the license. All references to permitting hearing-impaired persons to apply for special license plates have been removed from this legislation.

The purpose of the bill is to allow any person with a hearing loss of a pure tone average of 41 decibels or greater, to apply for a special driver's license. The bill requires that the applicant's hearing loss be verified by an otorhinolaryngologist or by an audiologist clinically certified by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

No fee over and above the required fee for a driver's license shall be charged for the special license.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1742

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 1982

The purpose of this bill is to permit certain hearing-impaired persons to apply for special license plates and special driver's licenses bearing the international symbol of the deaf. Any person with at least a "moderate" hearing loss (a hearing loss of a pure tone average of 41 decibels or greater), could apply for the special plates and licenses. The bill requires that the applicant's hearing loss be verified by a medical doctor specializing in treatment of the ears, nose, and throat (an otorhinolaryngologist), or by an audiologist clinically certified by the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association.

No fee over and above the regular fee for registering a motor vehicle or for a driver's license would be charged for the special plates or licenses, the design of which would be approved by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The bill is intended to make identification available for hearing-impaired persons. By providing special license plates, the bill is intended to prevent motor vehicle accidents that might occur because a hearing-impaired driver is not identifiable to other drivers or to law enforcement officers.