
DIGEST

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HB 516 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes special identification stickers or decals for persons with autism spectrum disorder to inform law enforcement that there is a person with this disorder in the vehicle.

Present law provides for identification stickers or decals for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Proposed law adds persons with autism spectrum disorder who have obtained the autism spectrum disorder designation in accordance with present law (R.S. 32:412(P)) to be included in present law and specifies that this particular identification sticker or decal would be received at the time of application.

Present law specifies that the sticker or decal is to be offered when the driver's license is issued and the person has the option of it being applied to the windshield.

Proposed law requires the decal be placed in a space that does not interfere with the visibility of the driver.

Proposed law specifies that at the time of application, a person must provide a statement of proof of their disability that is verified by an appropriate medical professional.

Proposed law exempts this documentation from public records law.

(Amends R.S. 32:403.3 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(19))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change "a person with autism spectrum disorder" to "persons with autism spectrum disorder who have obtained the autism spectrum disorder designation" in accordance with present law.
3. Add a provision requiring proof, at the time of application, of the disorder for which the sticker or decal is requested.

4. Add an exception for documentation provided to the office of motor vehicles from public records law.
5. Add a provision that provides medical requirements for obtaining a driver's license identification decal or sticker.