
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Engrossed House Bill No. 516 by Representative Kerner

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "decals" delete "applicable to" and insert a semicolon ";" and "to
3 provide for"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 6, after "vehicle;" insert "to provide for proof of disability for the deaf and
6 hard of hearing and persons with autism spectrum disorder;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, delete lines 10 through 19 and delete page 2 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through
9 14 and insert the following:

10 "§403.3. Identification stickers and decals; for the deaf and hard of hearing; license
11 label autism spectrum disorder

12 A.(1)(a) The office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and
13 Corrections is hereby authorized to issue an identification sticker or decal, which
14 shall be the international symbol of deafness, at no cost for use by deaf and hard of
15 hearing persons who are granted a driver's license. ~~Every A~~ A deaf or hard of hearing
16 person applying for a driver's license with or registration who wants an identification
17 decal or sticker shall attach to the application a statement indicating a hearing loss
18 attested by one of the following: a medical physician, audiologist, or speech
19 pathologist proof as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

20 (b) The sticker or decal ~~is to~~ shall be offered at the time the driver's license
21 or a registration in compliance with R.S. 47:505 is issued and shall be prepared so
22 that it may at the option of the user be applied to the windshield and viewed from the
23 outside of the vehicle or on the license plate, or both in a space that does not interfere
24 with the visibility of the operator of the motor vehicle. ~~The same sticker or decal~~
25 ~~identifying the licensee as deaf or hard of hearing shall be offered and imprinted on~~
26 ~~the back of the driver's license under the lamination.~~

27 B.(2) In addition to the identification sticker or decal provided for in
28 ~~Subsection A of this Section~~ this Subsection, the office of motor vehicles of the
29 Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall create a flag code to be placed on
30 the registration of a motor vehicle which shall indicate that the driver of the vehicle
31 is deaf or hard of hearing. Upon the initial application for or renewal of the
32 registration of a motor vehicle, the flag ~~will~~ shall be placed on the registration at the
33 driver's request at no additional cost, provided he produces ~~a statement indicating a~~
34 ~~hearing loss attested by one of the following: a medical physician, audiologist, or~~
35 ~~speech pathologist proof as provided in Subsection C of this Section.~~

36 B.(1)(a) The office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety
37 and Corrections is hereby authorized to issue an identification sticker or decal which
38 shall be the awareness symbol for autism at no cost for use by persons with autism
39 spectrum disorder who have obtained the autism spectrum disorder designation in
40 accordance with R.S. 32:412(P) or a parent, legal guardian, or other caretaker of such
41 a person. A person with autism spectrum disorder applying for a driver's license or
42 registration who wants an autism spectrum disorder sticker or decal shall attach to
43 the application proof as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

44 (b) A parent, legal guardian, or other caretaker of a person with autism
45 spectrum disorder applying for a driver's license or registration who wants an autism
46 spectrum disorder sticker or decal shall attach to the application proof of the

1 diagnosis of the person in his care as provided in Subsection C and sufficient
2 documentation of the relationship to the person.

3 (c) The sticker or decal shall be offered at the time the driver's license or a
4 registration in compliance with R.S. 47:505 is issued and shall be prepared so that
5 it may at the option of the user be applied to the windshield and viewed from the
6 outside of the vehicle or on the license plate, or both in a space that does not interfere
7 with the visibility of the operator of the motor vehicle.

8 (2) In addition to the identification sticker or decal provided for in this
9 Subsection, the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and
10 Corrections shall create a flag code to be placed on the registration of a motor
11 vehicle which shall indicate that the driver of the vehicle has an autism spectrum
12 disorder or is the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a person with an autism
13 spectrum disorder. Upon the initial application for or renewal of the registration of
14 a motor vehicle, the flag shall be placed on the registration at the driver's request at
15 no additional cost, provided he produces proof as required by this Subsection.

16 C.(1) In order to receive the appropriate sticker or decal or to have a flag or
17 code placed on the registration record, the applicant shall attach to his application a
18 statement which contains proof indicating the applicant's disability attested by one
19 of the following: a medical physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, mental health
20 professional, or occupational therapist.

21 (2) The office of motor vehicles shall deny the application if the person fails
22 to provide the requisite documentation at the time of application.

23 D. All documentation submitted pursuant this Section by an applicant shall
24 be confidential and not subject to disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law,
25 R.S. 44:1 et seq. Any person seeking the documentation submitted pursuant to this
26 Section shall obtain court order after a contradictory hearing against the applicant.

27 E. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the
28 Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this
29 Subsection Section."