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**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 KernerAMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) A parent, legal guardian, or other caregiver of a person with autism spectrum disorder applying for a driver's license or registration who wants an autism

1 spectrum disorder sticker or decal shall attach to the application proof of the  
2 diagnosis of the person in his care as provided in Subsection C of this Section and  
3 sufficient documentation of the relationship to the person.

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

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

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

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

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

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