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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing  
for identification cards for individuals with autism spectrum disorder

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 article 17-D to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 17-D

4 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CARD

5 SECTION 499-H. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CARD.

6 S 499-H. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CARD. UPON THE REQUEST OF A PERSON  
7 WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, OR THE GUARDIAN OR CAREGIVER OF SUCH  
8 PERSON, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELIGIBILITY AND  
9 DOCUMENTATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND FOR A FEE NOT TO  
10 EXCEED FIVE DOLLARS, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD DENOTING THAT SUCH PERSON  
11 HAS BEEN MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER. SUCH CARD  
12 SHALL INDICATE THE NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE CARD BEARER  
13 AND, AT THE CARD BEARER'S DISCRETION, THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF AN  
14 INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE CARD BEARER TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF  
15 EMERGENCY. THE CARD SHALL CONTAIN A STATEMENT EXPLAINING AUTISM SPECTRUM  
16 DISORDERS, AND HOW THEY MAY GIVE RISE TO PHYSICAL AGITATION AND IMPAIR  
17 AN INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE OR RESPOND TO DIRECTIONS. SUCH  
18 CARD SHALL FURTHER INDICATE THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE IDENTIFICATION CARD MAY BE PRESENTED TO  
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT AS NECESSARY.

21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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