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Introduced by Senator Corbin

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR PERMIT MUST ALLOW AN APPLICANT WHO HAS BEEN MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE THAT HE IS AUTISTIC, WHICH MUST BE INDICATED BY A SYMBOL DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DRIVER’S LICENSE AND CONTAINED IN THE DRIVER’S RECORD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-80(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56-1-80. (A) An application for a driver's license or permit must:

(1) be made upon the form furnished by the department;

(2) be accompanied by the proper fee and acceptable proof of date and place of birth;

(3) contain the full name, date of birth, sex, race, and residence address of the applicant and briefly describe the applicant;

(4) state whether the applicant has been licensed as an operator or chauffeur and, if so, when and by what state or country;

(5) state whether a license or permit has been suspended or revoked or whether an application has been refused and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or refusal;

(6) allow an applicant voluntarily to disclose a permanent medical condition, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver's license and contained in the driver's record; ~~and~~

(7) allow an applicant voluntarily to disclose that he is an organ and tissue donor, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver's license and contained in the driver's record~~.~~; and

(8) allow an applicant voluntarily to disclose that he is autistic, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver’s license and contained in the driver’s record. The applicant must provide documentation that he is autistic from a physician licensed in this State, as defined in Section 40-47-20(35).”

SECTION 2. Section 56-1-3350(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56-1-3350. (A) Upon application by a person five years of age or older, who is a resident of South Carolina, the department shall issue a special identification card as long as the:

(1) application is made on a form approved and furnished by the department; ~~and~~

(2) applicant presents to the person issuing the identification card a birth certificate or other evidence acceptable to the department of his name and date of birth~~.~~; and

(3) applicant, who wishes to obtain a special identification card that indicates the applicant is autistic, complies with subsections (A)(1) and (2) and provides documentation that he is autistic from a physician licensed in this State, as defined in Section 40-47-20(35). The special identification requested must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver’s license and contained in the driver’s record.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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