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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 153

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Chapter 21, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 2140I. Special registration plates supporting Autism Awareness and Acceptance

(a) The owner of any vehicle described in subsection (b) of this section may apply to the Division of Motor Vehicles for a special "Autism Awareness and Acceptance" registration plate.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) A private passenger vehicle; or

(2) Subject to paragraph (b)(2)(b) of this section, a motor vehicle, including a truck or trailer, with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,000 pounds or less.

a. The motor vehicle described in this paragraph may be owned by an individual or an artificial entity, including a corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint-stock company.

b. A truck that qualifies to register for the International Registration Plan (IRP), individually, or as part of a combination of vehicles, as defined section 101 of this Title, **may not** be issued a special plate under this section.

(c) Upon the initial application for a plate to be issued pursuant to this section, a 1-time fee of \$50, which includes an administrative fee of \$15, is required in addition to the annual registration fee required by this title. This additional fee is required for all persons applying for a special plate pursuant to this section, including members of nonprofit organizations, even if members are exempt from registration fees under § 2159 of this title. A replacement plate may be obtained upon payment of a fee to be set by the Division, which shall cover the cost of the plate.

(d) The 1-time administrative fee collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be deposited into a special fund and used by the Division of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of promoting the sale of the plate and

22 administering this section. Proceeds remaining after the Division of Motor Vehicles has covered the costs of promoting and
23 administering this section shall be applied pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

24 (e) The funds derived by the State from that portion of the 1-time fee of \$50 that is not defined as an
25 administrative fee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be deposited by the Division of Motor Vehicles with the
26 State Treasurer and shall be specifically set aside and deposited with the Autism Delaware, Inc. for its deposit in the Autism
27 Awareness and Acceptance Fund.

28 (f) All registration plates issued pursuant to this section shall be of the colors and design as determined by the
29 Autism Delaware, Inc. The numbers and/or letters assigned will be the same as the current license plate assigned to the
30 vehicle. The committee may, at its discretion, drop the wording “The First State” and substitute in place thereof the
31 wording “Autism Awareness” or “Autism Acceptance”. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall have the power to refuse any
32 design which it believes would cause a public safety enforcement problem.

33 (g) The Division of Motor Vehicles may promulgate rules and regulations as required to administer this section.

SYNOPSIS

This bill creates a special license plate for Autism Awareness and Acceptance.