

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 2314**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Transportation reports favorably Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2314.

As reported, this substitute bill would require holders of special learner's permits, examination permits, and provisional driver's licenses to display a decal on the motor vehicle they are driving so that it is apparent to law enforcement officers that the driver is the holder of such a permit or license.

Under the bill, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is responsible for designing the decals, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety. The two removable, transferable decals are to be highly visible, and they are to be reflective so that they can be seen at night. The holder of the permit or provisional license is prohibited from operating a vehicle unless the decals are displayed. The decals are to be removed once the driver's special permit, examination permit, or provisional license period has ended. The bill authorizes the chief administrator to charge a fee for the decals not to exceed the actual cost of producing and distributing the decals.

A violation of the decal requirement would result in a fine of \$100.

The provisions of substitute bill implement certain recommendations of the Teen Driver Study Commission made in the commission's March 2008 Final Report.

This substitute bill is in memory of Kyleigh Dalessio, a 16-year old honor student and recognized athlete from Long Valley, New Jersey who died in an accident involving a young driver with multiple passengers.

This substitute bill is identical to Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 3069 and 2089.