

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1740

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1740.

As reported, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to place a notation on a vehicle's registration certificate indicating the registrant is deaf. This notation is to be placed on the certificate provided the applicant has a hearing loss of 41 decibels or greater. As part of the application process, an otorhinolaryngologist (ENT) or an audiologist clinically certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is required to verify the applicant's hearing ability. Upon approval, the chief administrator is required to issue the applicant a special registration certificate with the international symbol for deafness or a numerical code designating deafness, whichever the applicant prefers. No additional fees will be assessed for applicants who seek a special registration certificate.