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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires transportation network company drivers to participate in educational training course on dangers, harms, and warning signs of human trafficking.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/1/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning educational training for transportation network  
2 company drivers and amending P.L.2017, c.26.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 16 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-16) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 16. A transportation network company shall require an  
10 applicant, as defined in section 2 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-2), to  
11 submit a transportation network company driver application to the  
12 transportation network company. The application shall include the  
13 applicant's address, age, and social security number, a copy of the  
14 applicant's driver's license, motor vehicle registration, and  
15 automobile liability insurance, and any other information required  
16 by the transportation network company.

17 Prior to approval of an applicant, a transportation network  
18 company shall require an applicant to participate in an educational  
19 training course approved by the Attorney General on the dangers,  
20 harms, and warning signs of human trafficking.

21 (cf: P.L.2017, c.26, s.16)

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23 2. Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, each  
24 transportation network company driver shall participate in an  
25 educational training course approved by the Attorney General on  
26 the dangers, harms, and warning signs of human trafficking. Upon  
27 completion of the educational training course, the driver shall  
28 provide a certification that the educational training has been  
29 completed to any transportation network company whose digital  
30 network the driver uses. If a driver fails to complete the training  
31 course and provide a transportation network company with the  
32 certification required pursuant to this section, the transportation  
33 network company shall prohibit the driver from utilizing its digital  
34 network to provide rides unless the driver submits a new application  
35 to the transportation network company to be a driver and the  
36 application is approved.

37 On the 91st day following the effective date of this act, each  
38 transportation network company shall create a list of drivers who  
39 did not complete the certification required pursuant to this section  
40 by the required date. Completion of the certification, or failure to  
41 do so, shall be noted in the individual record of each transportation  
42 network company driver required to be maintained pursuant to  
43 section 25 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-25).

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1       3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following  
2 enactment, except that the Attorney General shall take such  
3 administrative action as may be necessary in advance of that date to  
4 ensure the timely implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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9       This bill requires transportation network company (TNC) drivers  
10 and applicants to complete an educational training course on the  
11 dangers and harms of human trafficking, which is to be approved by  
12 the Attorney General. Under the bill, failure of a TNC driver to  
13 complete the educational training course and provide certification to  
14 the TNC will result in removal from the TNC's digital network and  
15 require the driver to resubmit an application to be a TNC driver.