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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver's licenses and nonoperator's
2 identification cards marked to reflect a holder's nonapparent
3 disability status.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.189, subsection 10, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. ~~Autism spectrum disorder~~ Nonapparent disability
4 status. A licensee who has a nonapparent disability, including
5 autism spectrum disorder, as defined in section 514C.28, a
6 mental disability, as defined in section 915.37, a developmental
7 disability, as defined in section 335.25, or any other
8 intellectual disability, may request that the license be marked
9 to reflect the licensee's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~ nonapparent
10 disability status on the face of the license when the licensee
11 applies for the issuance or renewal of a license. A licensee
12 may choose to have the face of the person's license marked with
13 a butterfly design approved by the department, or in a manner the
14 department determines is sufficient to signify the person has a
15 nonapparent disability. The department may adopt rules pursuant
16 to chapter 17A establishing criteria under which a license may be
17 marked, including requiring the licensee to submit medical proof
18 of the licensee's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~ nonapparent disability
19 status. When a driver's license is so marked, the licensee's
20 ~~autism spectrum disorder~~ nonapparent disability status shall be
21 noted in the electronic database used by the department and law
22 enforcement to access registration, titling, and driver's license
23 information. The department, in consultation with the department
24 of health and human services, shall develop educational media to
25 raise awareness of a licensee's ability to request the license
26 be marked to reflect the licensee's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~
27 nonapparent disability status.

28 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b,
29 subparagraph (6), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 (6) An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who
31 has ~~autism spectrum disorder, as defined in section 514C.28~~
32 a nonapparent disability, as described in section 321.189,
33 subsection 10, may request that the card be marked to reflect
34 the applicant's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~ nonapparent disability
35 status on the face of the card when the applicant applies for

1 the issuance or renewal of a card. An applicant may choose
2 to have the face of the person's card marked with a butterfly
3 design approved by the department, or in a manner the department
4 determines is sufficient to signify the person has a nonapparent
5 disability. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter
6 17A establishing criteria under which a card may be marked,
7 including requiring the applicant to submit medical proof of
8 the applicant's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~ nonapparent disability
9 status. The department, in consultation with the department of
10 health and human services, shall develop educational media to
11 raise awareness of an applicant's ability to request the card
12 be marked to reflect the applicant's ~~autism spectrum disorder~~
13 nonapparent disability status.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Under current law, a person who has autism spectrum disorder
18 may be issued a driver's license or nonoperator's identification
19 card (ID card) that is marked to reflect the person's autism
20 spectrum disorder status on the face of the license or ID
21 card. This bill instead authorizes a person with a nonapparent
22 disability, as described in the bill, to be issued a driver's
23 license or ID card marked to reflect the person's nonapparent
24 disability status. A person must request the person's license
25 or ID card be marked when the person applies for issuance or
26 renewal of a license or ID card. A person may choose to
27 have the license or ID card marked with a butterfly design
28 approved by the department of transportation (DOT) or in a manner
29 the DOT determines is sufficient to signify the person has a
30 nonapparent disability. In accordance with current law, the DOT
31 may establish criteria under which a license or ID card may be
32 marked, including requiring an applicant to submit medical proof
33 of the applicant's nonapparent disability status.

34 The bill does not amend the manner in which a license or
35 ID card is marked to reflect the status of a deaf person or

1 hard-of-hearing person pursuant to Code sections 321.189(9) and
2 321.190(1)(b)(5).

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