

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3383

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2023

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3383.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), beginning no later than six months after the enactment of the bill, to provide electronic access to address and record search processes and other information and data maintained by the MVC to attorneys, medical providers, and other professional service providers. The bill requires the MVC to establish and maintain an electronic payment system through which an attorney, medical provider, or other similar professional service provider may pay a fee charged by the MVC for access to this information. If, six months after the enactment of the bill, the MVC has failed to provide electronic access to the information required by the bill and to establish an electronic payment system for access to such information, the Chief Administrator of the MVC is required to appear before the Senate Transportation Committee or the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, or their successor committees, or other legislative committee, at the direction of the respective presiding officer, to explain why the MVC has not implemented the bill's requirements and to describe actions taken by the MVC to implement the bill's requirements.

The committee amended the bill to:

- provide that the requirements of the bill as introduced would apply beginning no later than six months after the enactment date of the bill;
- provide that if the MVC fails to provide electronic access to the information required by the bill and to establish an electronic payment system for access to such information, within six months of the enactment of the bill, the Chief Administrator of the MVC is required to appear before the Senate Transportation Committee or the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, or their successor committees, or other legislative committee, at the direction of the respective presiding officer, to explain why the MVC has not implemented the bill's requirements and to describe actions taken by the MVC to implement the bill's requirements; and
- change the bill's effective date from the first day of the seventh month following the bill's enactment to immediately.