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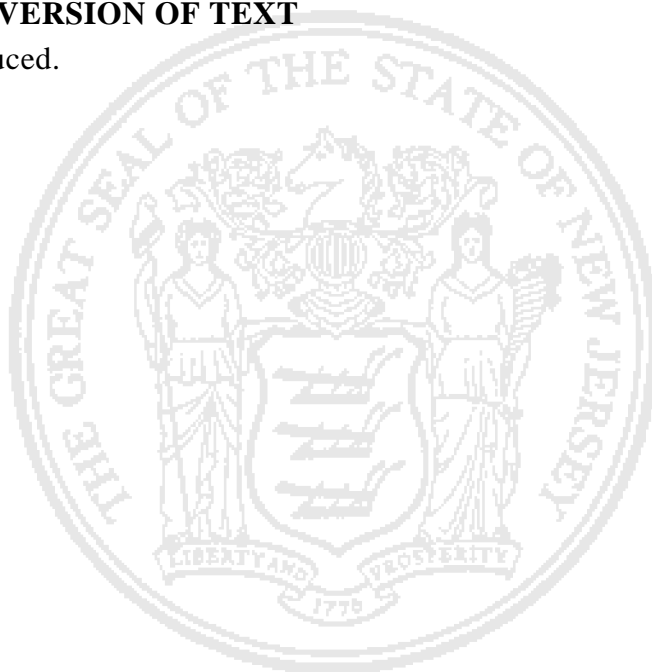
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes four-year registration period for new passenger automobiles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the registration of certain motor vehicles and
2 amending R.S.39:3-4, R.S.39:3-8, R.S.39:3-31, P.L.1961, c.77 and
3 P.L.2003. c.13.

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

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8 1. R.S.39:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-4. Except as hereinafter provided, every resident of this State
10 and every nonresident whose automobile or motorcycle shall be driven
11 in this State shall, before using such vehicle on the public highways,
12 register the same, and no automobile or motorcycle shall be driven
13 unless so registered.

14 Such registration shall be made in the following manner: An
15 application in writing, signed by the applicant or by an agent or officer,
16 in case the applicant is a corporation, shall be made to the chief
17 administrator or the chief administrator's agent, on forms prepared and
18 supplied by the chief administrator, containing the name, street address
19 of the residence or the business of the owner, mailing address, if
20 different from the street address of the owner's residence or business,
21 and age of the owner, together with a description of the character of
22 the automobile or motorcycle, including the name of the maker and the
23 vehicle identification number, or the manufacturer's number or the
24 number assigned by the chief administrator if the vehicle does not have
25 a vehicle identification number, and any other statement that may be
26 required by the chief administrator. A post office box shall appear on
27 the application only as part of a mailing address that is submitted by
28 the owner, agent or officer, as the case may be, in addition to the
29 street address of the applicant's residence or business; provided,
30 however, the chief administrator, upon application, shall permit a
31 person who was a victim of a violation of N.J.S.2C:12-10,
32 N.J.S.2C:14-2, or N.J.S.2C:25-17 et seq., or who the chief
33 administrator otherwise determines to have good cause, to use as a
34 mailing address a post office box, an address other than the applicant's
35 address or other contact point. An owner whose last address appears
36 on the records of the division as a post office box shall change his
37 address on his application for renewal to the street address of his
38 residence or business and, if different from his street address, his
39 mailing address unless the chief administrator has determined, pursuant
40 to this section, that the owner may use a post office box, an address
41 other than the owner's address or other contact point as a mailing
42 address. The application shall contain the name of the insurer of the
43 vehicle and the policy number. If the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle,

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 the application shall make note of that fact and shall include along with
2 the name and street address of the lessor the name, street address and
3 driver license number of the lessee.

4 Thereupon the chief administrator shall have the power to grant a
5 registration certificate to the owner of any motor vehicle, if over 17
6 years of age, application for the registration having been properly
7 made and the fee therefor paid, and the vehicle being of a type that
8 complies with the requirements of this title. The form and contents of
9 the registration certificate to be issued shall be determined by the chief
10 administrator.

11 If the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the registration certificate
12 shall, in addition to containing the name and street address of the
13 lessor, identify the vehicle as a leased motor vehicle.

14 The chief administrator shall maintain a record of all registration
15 certificates issued, and of the contents thereof.

16 Every registration shall expire and the registration certificate
17 thereof become void on the last day of the twelfth calendar month
18 following the calendar month in which the certificate was issued;
19 provided, however, that the chief administrator may, at his discretion,
20 require registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates thereof
21 which shall become void, on a date fixed by him, which date shall not
22 be sooner than three months nor later than 26 months after the date of
23 issuance of such certificates, and the fees for such registrations,
24 including any other fees or charges collected in connection with the
25 registration fee, shall be fixed by the chief administrator in amounts
26 proportionately less or greater than the fees established by law. The
27 chief administrator may fix the expiration date for registration
28 certificates at a date other than 12 months if the chief administrator
29 determines that the change is necessary, appropriate or convenient in
30 order to aid in implementing the vehicle inspection requirements of
31 chapter 8 of Title 39 or for other good cause. The chief administrator
32 may, for good cause extend a registration beyond the expiration date
33 that appears upon the registration certificate for periods not to exceed
34 12 additional months. The chief administrator may extend the
35 expiration date of a registration without payment of a proportionate
36 fee when the chief administrator determines that such extension is
37 necessary for good cause. If any registration is so extended, the
38 owner shall pay upon renewal the full registration fee for the period
39 fixed by the chief administrator as if no extension had been granted.

40 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, every
41 registration for new passenger automobiles shall expire and the
42 registration certificate shall become void on the last day of the 48th
43 calendar month following the calendar month in which the certificate
44 was initially issued. On and after February 1, 2005, the provisions of
45 this paragraph shall not apply to new passenger automobiles purchased
46 by a rental company for use as rental passenger automobiles. As used

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1 in this paragraph, "rental company" means a person engaged in the
2 business of renting motor vehicles; and "rental passenger automobile"
3 means a passenger automobile that is rented without a driver and used
4 in the transportation of persons or property other than commercial
5 freight.

6 If the new passenger automobile being registered is a leased
7 passenger automobile, the registration shall expire in accordance with
8 the term of the lease. If the term of the lease extends beyond one or
9 more 12-month periods by one or more months, the registration period
10 shall be based upon the full year into which one or more of the months
11 extend; provided, however, the registration period for a leased
12 automobile shall not exceed 48-months.

13 Following the 48-month period of the initial registration of a new
14 passenger automobile, the subsequent registration shall expire, and the
15 registration certificate shall become void, on the last day of the 12th
16 calendar month following the calendar month in which the certificate
17 was next issued.

18 All motorcycles for which registrations have been issued prior to
19 the effective date of P.L.1989, c.167 and which are scheduled to
20 expire between November 1 and March 31 shall, upon renewal, be
21 issued registrations by the chief administrator which shall expire on a
22 date fixed by him, but in no case shall that expiration date be earlier
23 than April 30 nor later than October 31. The fees for the renewal of
24 the motorcycle registrations authorized under this paragraph shall be
25 fixed by the chief administrator in an amount proportionately less or
26 greater than the fee established by R.S.39:3-21.

27 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for passenger
28 automobiles shall be sent to the last addresses of owners of motor
29 vehicles and motorcycles, as they appear on the records of the
30 division.

31 No person owning or having control over any unregistered vehicle
32 shall permit the same to be parked or to stand on a public highway.

33 Any police officer is authorized to remove any unregistered vehicle
34 from the public highway to a storage space or garage, and the expense
35 involved in such removal and storing of the vehicle shall be borne by
36 the owner of the vehicle, except that the expense shall be borne by the
37 lessee of a leased vehicle.

38 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject
39 to a fine not exceeding \$100, except that for the misstatement of any
40 fact in the application required to be made to the chief administrator,
41 the person making such statement or omitting the statement that the
42 motor vehicle is to be used as a leased motor vehicle when that is the
43 case shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S.39:3-37.

44 The chief administrator may extend the expiration date of a
45 registration certificate without payment of a proportionate fee when
46 the chief administrator determines that such extension is necessary,

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1 appropriate or convenient to the implementation of vehicle inspection
2 requirements. If any registration certificate is so extended, the owner
3 shall pay upon renewal the full registration fee for the period fixed by
4 the chief administrator as if no extension had been granted.

5 The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall make a
6 reasonable effort to notify any lessor whose name and address is on
7 file with the commission, or any other lessor the commission may
8 determine it is necessary to notify, of the requirements of this
9 amendatory act.

10 A lessor doing business in this State shall notify in writing the lessee
11 of a motor vehicle registered pursuant to this Title of any change in its
12 policies or procedures affecting the registration of the motor vehicle.
13 (cf: P.L.2003, c.212, s.1)

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15 2. R.S.39:3-8 is amended to read as follows:

16 39:3-8. The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile
17 manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model year shall pay
18 to the [director] chief administrator for each registration a fee of \$14
19 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of less
20 than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$23 for each such vehicle having a
21 manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but not
22 greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$44 for each vehicle having a
23 manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds; provided,
24 however, an applicant who has been issued a handicapped person
25 identification card pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280
26 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private passenger van manufactured
27 in any model year prior to the 1971 model year which has been
28 equipped with a wheelchair lift for the handicapped, or any other
29 specially designed mechanical device for the handicapped as
30 designated by the [director] chief administrator that specifically
31 requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the
32 device's dimensions, operating characteristics or manufacturer's
33 installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$14 for that vehicle. The
34 applicant for registration for any passenger automobile manufactured
35 in model year 1971 and thereafter, except as determined hereinafter,
36 shall pay to the [director] chief administrator for each registration a
37 fee of \$17 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping
38 weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$28 for each such vehicle
39 having a manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but
40 not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$51 for each such vehicle
41 having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds;
42 provided, however, an applicant who has been issued a handicapped
43 person identification card pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280
44 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private passenger van manufactured
45 in model year 1971 or thereafter, except as determined hereinafter,
46 which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift for the handicapped, or

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1 any other specially designed mechanical device for the handicapped as
2 designated by the [director] chief administrator that specifically
3 requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the
4 device's dimensions, operating characteristics or manufacturer's
5 installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$17 for that vehicle. The
6 applicant for registration for any 1980 or thereafter model year
7 passenger automobile registered on or after March 1, 1979 shall pay
8 to the [director] chief administrator for each registration a fee of \$25
9 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight not
10 greater than 3,500 pounds and a fee of \$50 for each vehicle having a
11 manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,500 pounds; provided,
12 however, an applicant who has been issued a handicapped person
13 identification card pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280
14 (C.39:4-205) and is registering any 1980 or thereafter model year
15 private passenger van which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift
16 for the handicapped, or any other specially designed mechanical device
17 for the handicapped as designated by the [director] chief
18 administrator that specifically requires installation only in a private
19 passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating
20 characteristics or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall pay a
21 fee of \$25 for that vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law to the contrary, the applicant for registration for any new
23 passenger automobile, for which the registration will expire on the last
24 day of the 48th calendar month following the calendar month in which
25 it was first issued, or for the term of the lease if the new passenger
26 automobile is a leased motor vehicle subject to an extended
27 registration period pursuant to R.S.39:3-4, shall prepay to the chief
28 administrator the full amount due for the 48-month term, or the full
29 amount due based upon the term of the lease if the new passenger
30 automobile is a leased motor vehicle, upon the initial registration. The
31 portion of that prepayment that is dedicated to specific purposes in
32 accordance with section 110 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-38) and
33 subsections a. and b. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.87 (C.39:3-8.2) shall
34 be deposited in their respective dedicated accounts. The [director]
35 chief administrator shall determine manufacturer's shipping weight and
36 model year for each passenger automobile on the basis of the
37 information contained in the certificate of origin, the application for
38 registration or for renewal of registration, or the records of the
39 division, or any or all of these; and any case in which the
40 manufacturer's shipping weight of any particular passenger automobile
41 is unavailable, or in doubt or dispute, the [director] chief
42 administrator may require that such automobile be weighed on a scale
43 designated by him, and such actual weight shall be considered the
44 manufacturer's shipping weight for the purposes of this section; but in
45 all cases the [director's] chief administrator's determination of the
46 manufacturer's shipping weight of any such automobile shall be final.

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1 The applicant for registration for passenger automobile shall also pay
2 to the [director] chief administrator the inspection fee fixed in
3 R.S.39:8-2 in addition to the fees described hereinabove.

4 The [director] chief administrator may also license private utility
5 and house type semitrailers and trailers with a gross load not in excess
6 of 2,000 pounds at a fee of \$4.00 per annum and all other such utility
7 and house-type semitrailers and trailers at \$9.00 per annum.
8 Application for such registration shall be made on a blank to be
9 furnished by the [division] commission and the application shall
10 contain a statement to the effect that the vehicle so registered will not
11 be used for the commercial transportation of goods, wares and
12 merchandise, or for hire.

13 Except as provided in R.S.39:3-84 for recreation vehicles, no
14 private utility or house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside width
15 of more than 96 inches, a maximum height of 13 feet 6 inches, a
16 maximum length for a single vehicle of more than 35 feet, a maximum
17 length for a semitrailer and its towing vehicle of more than 45 feet, and
18 a maximum length for a trailer and its towing vehicle of more than 50
19 feet, shall be operated on any highway in this State, except that a
20 vehicle exceeding the above limitations may be operated when a
21 special permit so to operate is secured in advance from the [director]
22 chief administrator. A house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside
23 width of no more than 16 feet shall be entitled to operate with such a
24 special permit if the vehicle is a manufactured home on a
25 transportation system that is designed in accordance with the
26 "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards," 24 CFR
27 part 3280.901 et seq., promulgated by the United States Department
28 of Housing and Urban Development, as amended and supplemented,
29 provided that the operator complies with the provisions of this Title
30 and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. If such a vehicle has
31 an outside width of more than 16 feet, it shall be entitled to operate
32 with such a special permit if it is transported on a commercial type
33 low-bed trailer, semitrailer or properly registered dolly wheels
34 pursuant to rules and regulations established by the [director] chief
35 administrator. The application for such permit shall be accompanied
36 by a fee fixed by the [director] chief administrator. A special permit
37 issued by the [director] chief administrator shall be in the possession
38 of the operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In
39 computing any dimensions of a vehicle, for the purposes of this
40 section, there shall not be included in the dimensional limitations safety
41 equipment such as mirrors or lights, provided such appliances do not
42 exceed the overall limitations established by the [director] chief
43 administrator by rule or regulation.

44 (cf: P.L.1999, c.392, s.1)

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46 3. R.S.39:3-31 is amended to read as follows:

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1 39:3-31. The [director] chief administrator, upon presentation of
2 a statement duly sworn to, stating that the original registration
3 certificate or original motorized bicycle registration certificate has
4 been destroyed, lost or stolen, may, if he is satisfied that the facts as
5 set forth in the statement are substantially true, issue a duplicate or
6 amended registration certificate or motorized bicycle registration
7 certificate to the original holder thereof, upon the payment to the
8 [director] chief administrator of a fee of \$5 for each duplicate or
9 amended registration certificate or motorized bicycle registration
10 certificate so issued. The [director] chief administrator, upon
11 presentation of a statement, duly sworn to, stating that the original
12 driver's license has been destroyed, lost or stolen, or requesting a new
13 color picture, may, if he is satisfied that the facts as set forth in the
14 statement are substantially true, issue a duplicate driver's license to the
15 original holder thereof, upon payment to the [director] chief
16 administrator of a fee of \$5 in addition to the digitized picture fee.
17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the fee for
18 a duplicate or amended registration certificate for any new passenger
19 automobile required to be registered for a 48-month term or for any
20 new passenger automobile leased for a term of more than 12 months
21 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4, shall be \$11.

22 (cf: P.L.2001, c.391, s.9)

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24 4. Section 1 of P.L.1961, c.77 (C.39:3-31.1) is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 1. The [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of Motor
27 Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, upon presentation
28 of a statement by the holder of an original registration certificate that
29 he requires a duplicate registration certificate for use by members of
30 his family, shall issue a duplicate original registration certificate to the
31 holder of the original registration certificate upon the payment to the
32 [director] chief administrator of a fee of \$5. Notwithstanding any
33 other provision of law to the contrary, the fee for a duplicate
34 registration certificate for any new passenger automobile required to
35 be registered for a 48-month term or for any new passenger
36 automobile leased for a term of more than 12 months pursuant to
37 R.S.39:3-4, shall be \$11.

38 Any such duplicate original registration certificate may be used in
39 the same manner and for the same purpose as the original registration
40 certificate but may be used only by the holder of the original
41 registration certificate or a member of his family. Any reference to the
42 original registration certificate in the chapter to which this act is
43 supplementary or in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes as amended and
44 supplemented shall be deemed to include any and all duplicate original
45 registration certificates issued pursuant to this act and, in the event
46 that the holder of the original registration certificate shall be required

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1 to surrender the same by virtue of the provisions of any law, he shall
2 also be required to surrender the duplicate original registration
3 certificate if he shall have had such duplicate original registration
4 certificate issued to him. The [said director] chief administrator shall
5 make and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary
6 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

7 This section shall also apply to registration certificates for
8 motorized bicycles.

9 (cf: P.L.1994, c.60, s.19)

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11 5. Section 105 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-36) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 105. a. The first \$200,000,000 of fees and surcharges thereon
14 collected pursuant to the following statutes shall be considered service
15 charges which are revenues to be remitted to the New Jersey Motor
16 Vehicle Commission and the remainder shall be remitted to the
17 General Fund, provided that if the total amount of such fees and
18 surcharges collected, as verified by the relevant fiscal year New Jersey
19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, produce more or less
20 revenue than the sum of \$200,000,000 and the amount anticipated in
21 the fiscal year 2004 Appropriations Act for those statutes, then the
22 \$200,000,000 in revenue from those service charges to the commission
23 shall be increased or lowered proportionately:

24 Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73); section 24 of P.L.1984,
25 c.152 (C.12:7A-24); section 28 of P.L.1984, c.152 (C.12:7A-28);
26 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-33); section 6 of P.L.1983,
27 c.65 (C.17:29A-35); section 9 of P.L.1998, c.108 (C.27:5F-42);
28 R.S.39:2-10; section 1 of P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4b); section 2 of
29 P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4c); R.S.39:3-8; section 2 of P.L.1968, c.439
30 (C.39:3-8.1); section 1 of P.L.1992, c.87 (C.39:3-8.2); R.S.39:3-10;
31 section 23 of P.L.1975, c.180 (C.39:3-10a); section 1 of P.L.1977,
32 c.23 (C.39:3-10b); section 1 of P.L.1979, c.261 (C.39:3-10f); section
33 22 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.30); R.S.39:3-13; R.S.39:3-18;
34 R.S.39:3-19; section 2 of P.L.1974, c.162 (C.39:3-19.2); section 12
35 of P.L.1979, c.224 (C.39:3-19.5); R.S.39:3-20; section 1 of P.L.1973,
36 c.319 (C.39:3-20.1); R.S.39:3-21; R.S.39:3-24; R.S.39:3-25;
37 R.S.39:3-26; section 2 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.4); section 2 of
38 P.L.1968, c.247 (C.39:3-27.6); section 2 of P.L.1977, c.369
39 (C.39:3-27.9); section 2 of P.L.1979, c.457 (C.39:3-27.16); section 2
40 of P.L.1981, c.139 (C.39:3-27.19); R.S.39:3-28; R.S.39:3-30;
41 R.S.39:3-31; section 1 of P.L.1961, c.77 (C.39:3-31.1); R.S.39:3-32;
42 section 1 of P.L.1999, c.192 (C.39:3-33a); section 1 of P.L.2001, c.35
43 (C.39:3-33b); section 2 of P.L.1959, c.56 (C.39:3-33.4); section 4 of
44 P.L.1959, c.56 (C.39:3-33.6); R.S.39:3-36; section 1 of P.L.1979,
45 c.314 (C.39:3-54.14); section 2 of P.L.1999, c.308 (C.39:3-75.2);
46 R.S.39:3-84; section 2 of P.L.1999, c.396 (C.39:3-84.7); section 3 of

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1 P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-3); section 10 of P.L. 1983, c.105
2 (C.39:4-14.3j); section 23 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3w);
3 R.S.39:4-26; R.S.39:4-30; section 11 of P.L.1985, c.14
4 (C.39:4-139.12); section 1 of P.L.1972, c.38 (C.39:5-30.4); section 31
5 of P.L.1994, c.60 (C.39:5-36.1); section 20 of P.L.1952, c.173
6 (C.39:6-42); section 2 of P.L.1983, c.141 (C.39:6B-3); R.S.39:7-3;
7 section 3 of P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-11); section 8 of P.L.1975, c.156
8 (C.39:8-16); section 9 of P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-17); section 15 of
9 P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-23); section 5 of P.L.1995, c.112
10 (C.39:8-45); section 7 of P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-47); section 12 of
11 P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-52); section 11 of P.L.1995, c.157
12 (C.39:8-69); section 13 of P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-53); section 14 of
13 P.L. 1995, c.112 (C.39:8-54); R.S.39:10-11; R.S.39:10-12;
14 R.S.39:10-14; R.S.39:10-16; R.S.39:10-19; R.S.39:10-25; section 5
15 of P.L.1983, c.323 (C.39:10-35); section 8 of P.L.1983, c.455
16 (C.39:10A-15); R.S.39:11-8; section 2 of P.L.1951, c.216
17 (C.39:12-2); section 5 of P.L.1951, c.216 (C.39:12-5); and section 2
18 of P.L.1983, c.360 (C.39:13-2).

19 Proportional revenues remitted to the commission for the fiscal
20 years beginning July 1, 2004 and thereafter shall have the same
21 proportion as the proportional revenues remitted to the commission
22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and this calculation shall not
23 be impacted by the acceleration of revenue attributable to new
24 passenger automobile registrations implemented pursuant to P.L. ,
25 c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill).

26 b. In addition to the proportionately increased or lowered revenue
27 provided for in subsection a. of this section, the commission shall
28 receive 100 percent of the revenues collected from any new service
29 charge and 100 percent of the increased revenues collected from any
30 existing service charge increased by law. Any new or increased
31 service charge shall not be included in the calculation of the
32 proportional revenue remitted to the commission.

33 c. In addition to the revenues provided for in subsections a. and b.
34 of this section, all fees collected pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 39 of
35 the Revised Statutes required to defray the costs of the commission
36 with respect to producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing license
37 plates, or related computer programming shall be considered revenues
38 of the commission notwithstanding any other provision of law.

39 d. Revenues of the commission shall not be subject to
40 appropriation as direct State services by the Legislature. In addition,
41 the revenues of the commission shall not be restricted from use by the
42 commission in any manner except as provided by law. Revenues of the
43 commission may be used in the furtherance of any purpose of the
44 commission or as otherwise provided for by law.

45 (cf: P.L.2003, c.13, s.105)

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1 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, the
2 Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission may, for good
3 cause, delay the implementation of the provisions of this act for a
4 period not to extend beyond October 1, 2004.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would establish a four-year registration period for new
10 passenger automobiles. Registration for new passenger automobiles
11 that are leased will expire upon expiration of the lease, but the
12 registration period for a leased automobile may not be more than 48
13 months. After the four-year registration period has expired,
14 registration would be annually required.

15 The bill requires full payment of the registration fee upon initial
16 registration. The bill also establishes an \$11 fee for a duplicate or
17 amended registration.

18 Further, the bill includes an exemption for new passenger
19 automobiles purchased by rental companies for use as rental
20 automobiles.

21 Finally, the bill clarifies the manner in which the accelerated
22 revenues generated through this new four-year registration program
23 will be calculated and distributed.