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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to refund certain motor vehicle registration fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the refund of certain motor vehicle registration
2 fees and amending R.S.39:3-30.

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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. R.S.39:3-30 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-30. Upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of
9 any motor vehicle or vehicle its registration shall become void. If
10 the motor vehicle or vehicle is sold the original owner shall remove
11 the license plates therefrom, and surrender them to the **[division]**
12 commission in a manner specified by the **[director]** chief
13 administrator if such plates are not transferred to another vehicle
14 pursuant to this section.

15 The original owner may, by proper sworn application on a form
16 to be furnished by the **[division, register]** commission:

17 a. Receive a refund of that percentage of the registration fee
18 proportionate to the unexpired term of the registration of a
19 passenger automobile registered under R.S.39:3-8 or a
20 noncommercial truck registered under section 2 of P.L.1968, c.439
21 (C.39:3-8.1). The percentage amount of the refund shall be
22 computed on an annual basis. No owner shall be entitled to a
23 refund of any portion of an unexpired registration of less than one
24 year.

25 b. Register another motor vehicle for the unexpired portion of
26 the registration period of the original vehicle. A person applying to
27 use the unexpired portion of a registration under this section shall
28 pay a fee of \$4.50 if the vehicle is of a weight or other classification
29 equal with or less than the one originally registered, and shall pay a
30 fee of \$4.50 and the difference between the fee originally paid and
31 that due if the new motor vehicle is properly registerable in a higher
32 class. Unless the original license plates have been destroyed, the
33 owner shall be assigned the license number previously issued to him
34 and shall receive a new registration certificate. If the original
35 license plates have been destroyed, replacement of the plates will be
36 made under the provisions of R.S.39:3-32.

37 The surviving husband, wife, child or children of a deceased
38 registered owner of any motor vehicle in whom title thereto shall
39 vest by virtue of the terms of the will of such deceased owner, or
40 otherwise, shall, upon application to the **[director]** chief
41 administrator, and upon the payment of a fee of \$4.50, be entitled to
42 have the registration of such vehicle transferred to his or her name.

43 The registered owner of any motor vehicle shall, upon
44 application to the **[director]** chief administrator, and payment of a

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 fee of \$4.50, be entitled to have the vehicle registered jointly in the
2 name of the registered owner and the spouse of said owner. The
3 registration certificate and certificate of ownership shall be
4 amended accordingly without the payment of any additional fee.
5 (cf: P.L.1995, c.112, s.34)
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7 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
8 next following the date of enactment, except that the Chief
9 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may
10 take any anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as
11 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.
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14 STATEMENT
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16 This bill provides for the refund of a portion of the registration
17 fee of a motor vehicle if it is sold or transferred to a new owner or
18 destroyed prior to the expiration of the registration.

19 Current law permits owners to transfer portions of unexpired
20 registrations to other motor vehicles, but does not provide for any
21 refund of registration fees.

22 Under the provisions of the bill, the owners of passenger
23 automobiles and noncommercial trucks would be entitled to a
24 percentage refund of the registration fee paid for those vehicles if
25 they are sold or destroyed before the expiration of their registration
26 terms. The percentage refund is to be calculated on a yearly basis.
27 The bill specifies that no owner will be entitled to a refund of any
28 portion of an unexpired registration of less than one year.