

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2912**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Eliminates certain motor vehicle registration renewal.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **AN ACT** concerning registration renewal of certain motor vehicles,  
2       amending various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing  
3       Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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  
10      State and every nonresident whose automobile or motorcycle shall  
11      be driven in this State shall, before using the vehicle on the public  
12      highways, register the same, and an automobile or motorcycle shall  
13      not be driven unless so registered.

14      Registration shall be made in the following manner: An  
15      application in writing, signed by the applicant or by an agent or  
16      officer, in case the applicant is a corporation, shall be made to the  
17      chief administrator or the chief administrator's agent, on forms  
18      prepared and supplied by the chief administrator, containing the  
19      name, street address of the residence or the business of the owner,  
20      mailing address, if different from the street address of the owner's  
21      residence or business, and age of the owner, together with a  
22      description of the character of the automobile or motorcycle,  
23      including the name of the maker and the vehicle identification  
24      number, or the manufacturer's number or the number assigned by  
25      the chief administrator if the vehicle does not have a vehicle  
26      identification number, and any other statement that may be required  
27      by the chief administrator. A post office box shall appear on the  
28      application only as part of a mailing address that is submitted by the  
29      owner, agent or officer, as the case may be, in addition to the street  
30      address of the applicant's residence or business; provided, however,  
31      the chief administrator, upon application, shall permit a person who  
32      was a victim of a violation of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209  
33      (C.2C:12-10), N.J.S.2C:14-2, or P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et  
34      seq.), or who the chief administrator otherwise determines to have  
35      good cause, to use as a mailing address a post office box, an address  
36      other than the applicant's address or other contact point. An owner  
37      whose last address appears on the records of the commission as a  
38      post office box shall change the owner's address on the owner's  
39      application for renewal to the street address of the owner's  
40      residence or business and, if different from the owner's street  
41      address, the owner's mailing address unless the chief administrator  
42      has determined, pursuant to this section, that the owner may use a  
43      post office box, an address other than the owner's address or other  
44      contact point as a mailing address. The application shall contain the  
45      name of the insurer of the vehicle and the policy number. If the

**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 vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the application shall make note of  
2 that fact and shall include along with the name and street address of  
3 the lessor the name, street address, and driver license number of the  
4 lessee.

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

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

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

17 Every registration, except registration for a passenger  
18 automobile, motorcycle, or noncommercial truck, shall expire and  
19 the registration certificate thereof become void on the registrant's  
20 numerical calendar day of birth in the 12th calendar month  
21 following the calendar month in which the certificate was issued;  
22 except that the registration shall expire on the last day of the 12th  
23 calendar month following the calendar month in which the  
24 certificate was issued if the numerical calendar day of the  
25 registrant's birth does not correspond to a numerical calendar day in  
26 that month or if the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle.

27 The chief administrator may, at the chief administrator's  
28 discretion, require registrations which shall expire, and issue  
29 certificates thereof which shall become void, on a date fixed by  
30 him, which date shall not be sooner than three months nor later than  
31 26 months after the date of issuance of the certificates, and the fees  
32 for the registrations, including any other fees or charges collected in  
33 connection with the registration fee, shall be fixed by the chief  
34 administrator in amounts proportionately less or greater than the  
35 fees established by law. The chief administrator may fix the  
36 expiration date for registration certificates, except a registration  
37 certificate for a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or  
38 noncommercial truck, at a date other than 12 months if the chief  
39 administrator determines that the change is necessary, appropriate  
40 or convenient in order to aid in implementing the vehicle inspection  
41 requirements of chapter 8 of Title 39 or for other good cause. The  
42 chief administrator may, for good cause, extend a registration  
43 beyond the expiration date that appears upon the registration  
44 certificate for periods not to exceed 12 additional months. The  
45 chief administrator may extend the expiration date of a registration  
46 without payment of a proportionate fee when the chief administrator

1 determines that the extension is necessary for good cause. If any  
2 registration is so extended, the owner shall pay upon renewal the  
3 full registration fee for the period fixed by the chief administrator as  
4 if no extension had been granted.

5 The initial registration for a passenger automobile, motorcycle,  
6 or noncommercial truck shall not expire; provided however, the  
7 registration certificate shall become void upon transfer of  
8 ownership.

9 **【**Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
10 every registration for new passenger automobiles shall expire and  
11 the registration certificate shall become void on the registrant's  
12 numerical calendar day of birth in the 48th calendar month  
13 following the calendar month in which the certificate was initially  
14 issued; except that the registration shall expire on the last day of the  
15 48th calendar month following the calendar month in which the  
16 certificate was initially issued if the numerical calendar day of the  
17 registrant's birth does not correspond to a numerical calendar day in  
18 that month.

19 On and after February 1, 2005, the provisions of this paragraph  
20 shall not apply to new passenger automobiles purchased by a rental  
21 company for use as rental passenger automobiles. As used in this  
22 paragraph, "rental company" means a person engaged in the  
23 business of renting motor vehicles; and "rental passenger  
24 automobile" means a passenger automobile that is rented without a  
25 driver and used in the transportation of persons or property other  
26 than commercial freight.

27 If the new passenger automobile being registered is a leased  
28 passenger automobile, the registration shall expire in accordance  
29 with the term of the lease. If the term of the lease extends beyond  
30 one or more 12-month periods by one or more months, the  
31 registration period shall be based upon the full year into which one  
32 or more of the months extend; provided, however, the registration  
33 period for a leased automobile shall not exceed 48 months.

34 Following the 48-month period of the initial registration of a new  
35 passenger automobile, the subsequent registration shall expire, and  
36 the registration certificate shall become void, on the registrant's  
37 numerical calendar day of birth in the 12th calendar month  
38 following the calendar month in which the certificate was next  
39 issued; except that the registration shall expire on the last day of the  
40 12th calendar month following the calendar month in which the  
41 certificate was next issued if the numerical calendar day of the  
42 registrant's birth does not correspond to a numerical calendar day in  
43 that month.

44 All motorcycles for which registrations have been issued prior to  
45 the effective date of P.L.1989, c.167 and which are scheduled to  
46 expire between November 1 and March 31 shall, upon renewal, be  
47 issued registrations by the chief administrator which shall expire on

1 a date fixed by him, but in no case shall that expiration date be  
2 earlier than April 30 nor later than October 31. The fees for the  
3 renewal of the motorcycle registrations authorized under this  
4 paragraph shall be fixed by the chief administrator in an amount  
5 proportionately less or greater than the fee established by R.S.39:3-  
6 21.

7 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for passenger  
8 automobiles shall be sent to the last addresses of owners of motor  
9 vehicles and motorcycles, as they appear on the records of the  
10 commission.】

11 A person owning or having control over any unregistered vehicle  
12 shall not permit the same to be parked or to stand on a public  
13 highway.

14 Any police officer is authorized to remove any unregistered  
15 vehicle from the public highway to a storage space or garage, and  
16 the expense involved in the removal and storing of the vehicle shall  
17 be borne by the owner of the vehicle, except that the expense shall  
18 be borne by the lessee of a leased vehicle.

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

26 The chief administrator may extend the expiration date of a  
27 registration certificate without payment of a proportionate fee when  
28 the chief administrator determines that the extension is necessary,  
29 appropriate or convenient to the implementation of vehicle  
30 inspection requirements. If any registration certificate is so  
31 extended, the owner shall pay upon renewal the full registration fee  
32 for the period fixed by the chief administrator as if no extension had  
33 been granted.

34 The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall make a  
35 reasonable effort to notify any lessor whose name and address is on  
36 file with the commission, or any other lessor the commission may  
37 determine it is necessary to notify, of the requirements of this  
38 amendatory act.

39 A lessor doing business in this State shall notify in writing the  
40 lessee of a motor vehicle registered pursuant to this Title of any  
41 change in its policies or procedures affecting the registration of the  
42 motor vehicle.

43 (cf: P.L.2017, c.217, s.1)

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45 2. Section 68 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-63) is amended to  
46 read as follows:

1       68. a. In addition to the registration fees imposed pursuant to  
2 Article 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the  
3 **【Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles】** Chief Administrator  
4 of the Motor Vehicle Commission shall impose and collect  
5 additional registration fees as follows:

6       (1) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as  
7 defined by R.S.39:1-1 that were manufactured in any model year  
8 prior to the 1989 model year, the additional fee shall be \$15, except  
9 that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50,  
10 and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and  
11 on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$7.50;

12       (2) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as  
13 defined by R.S.39:1-1, that were manufactured in model year 1989  
14 and thereafter, the additional fee shall be \$40, except that on and  
15 after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$33.50, and on and  
16 after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$27 and on and  
17 after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$20 for the first two  
18 years of registration or renewal and \$15, except that on and after  
19 January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50, and on and after  
20 January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and on and after  
21 January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$7.50 for each year  
22 thereafter. The additional fee imposed for the initial registration  
23 pursuant to this paragraph shall be collected for registration of a  
24 passenger automobile, motorcycle, or noncommercial truck only  
25 upon the initial registration of the vehicle;

26       (3) For all commercial motor vehicles as defined in R.S.39:1-1,  
27 the additional fee shall be \$75, except that on and after January 1,  
28 1998 the additional fee shall be \$62.50, and on and after January 1,  
29 1999 the additional fee shall be \$50 and on and after January 1,  
30 2000 the additional fee shall be \$37.50;

31       (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3)  
32 of this subsection, the additional fee on motorcycle registrations  
33 shall be \$15, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional  
34 fee shall be \$12.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional  
35 fee shall be \$10 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee  
36 shall be \$7.50 and further provided the additional registration fee on  
37 noncommercial trucks registered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968,  
38 **【c.429】** c.439 (C.39:3-8.1) shall be \$50, except that on and after  
39 January 1, 1997 the additional fee collected on noncommercial  
40 trucks registered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, **【c.429】** c.439  
41 (C.39:3-8.1) shall be \$15 for any vehicle manufactured in any  
42 model year prior to the 1996 model year and for any vehicle  
43 manufactured in the model year 1996 and thereafter, the additional  
44 fee shall be \$40 for the first two years of registration or renewal and  
45 \$15 for each year thereafter and on and after January 1, 1998 the  
46 additional fee collected on noncommercial trucks shall be collected

1 pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this  
2 subsection. The additional fee imposed for registration of a  
3 noncommercial truck pursuant to this paragraph shall be collected  
4 only upon the initial registration of the noncommercial truck;

5 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3)  
6 of this subsection, there shall not be any additional fee imposed on  
7 any vehicle registered pursuant to R.S.39:3-24.

8 b. Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall  
9 be collected on registrations issued and renewed on or after July 1,  
10 1990.

11 (1) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section prior  
12 to October 1, 1991 shall be remitted to the New Jersey Automobile  
13 Full Insurance Underwriting Association created by section 16 of  
14 P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:30E-4) and shall be income to the association  
15 for purposes of section 20 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:30E-8).

16 (2) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on or  
17 after October 1, 1991 through December 31, 1996 shall be remitted  
18 to the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund created  
19 pursuant to section 23 of this 1990 amendatory and supplementary  
20 act.

21 (3) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on  
22 and after January 1, 1997, shall be remitted to the General Fund and  
23 so much thereof as is required pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1984,  
24 c.73 (C.27:1B-20) shall be credited to the "Transportation Trust  
25 Fund Account" created by section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-  
26 20), such credited funds to be used for transportation projects,  
27 pursuant to the "New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority  
28 Act of 1984," P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-1 et al.).

29 c. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection a. of this  
30 section to the contrary, no fees shall be imposed pursuant to this  
31 section on a registration for which no fee is presently collected  
32 pursuant to Article 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes  
33 or on a registration for a motor vehicle, except commercial vehicles,  
34 if the registrant or, in the case of a leased vehicle, the lessee is  
35 eligible for pharmaceutical assistance to the aged and disabled  
36 pursuant to P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.). In the case of a  
37 leased vehicle, documentation verifying that the vehicle will be  
38 leased for the registration term to a lessee who is entitled to the  
39 exemption provided for in this subsection shall be provided  
40 according to the requirements established by the [Director of the  
41 Division of Motor Vehicles] Chief Administrator of the Motor  
42 Vehicle Commission. The lessor shall not collect from the lessee  
43 any payment for the registration of the vehicle that exceeds the  
44 amount that the lessor paid to register the vehicle.

45 (cf: P.L.1995, c.108, s.17)

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

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

15       Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73); section 24 of  
16 P.L.1984, c.152 (C.12:7A-24); section 28 of P.L.1984, c.152  
17 (C.12:7A-28); section 1 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-33); section 6  
18 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-35); section 9 of P.L.1998, c.108  
19 (C.27:5F-42); R.S.39:2-10; section 1 of P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-  
20 4b); section 2 of P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4c); R.S.39:3-8; section 2  
21 of P.L.1968, c.439 (C.39:3-8.1); section 1 of P.L.1992, c.87  
22 (C.39:3-8.2); R.S.39:3-10; section 23 of P.L.1975, c.180 (C.39:3-  
23 10a); section 1 of P.L.1977, c.23 (C.39:3-10b); section 1 of  
24 P.L.1979, c.261 (C.39:3-10f); section 22 of P.L.1990, c.103  
25 (C.39:3-10.30); R.S.39:3-13; R.S.39:3-18; R.S.39:3-19; section 2 of  
26 P.L.1974, c.162 (C.39:3-19.2); section 12 of P.L.1979, c.224  
27 (C.39:3-19.5); R.S.39:3-20; section 1 of P.L.1973, c.319 (C.39:3-  
28 20.1); R.S.39:3-21; R.S.39:3-24; R.S.39:3-25; R.S.39:3-26; section  
29 2 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.4); section 2 of P.L.1968, c.247  
30 (C.39:3-27.6); section 2 of P.L.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.9); section 2  
31 of P.L.1979, c.457 (C.39:3-27.16); section 2 of P.L.1981, c.139  
32 (C.39:3-27.19); R.S.39:3-28; R.S.39:3-30; R.S.39:3-31; section 1 of  
33 P.L.1961, c.77 (C.39:3-31.1); R.S.39:3-32; section 1 of  
34 P.L.1999, c.192 (C.39:3-33a); section 1 of P.L.2001, c.35 (C.39:3-  
35 33b); section 2 of P.L.1959, c.56 (C.39:3-33.4); section 4 of  
36 P.L.1959, c.56 (C.39:3-33.6); R.S.39:3-36; section 1 of  
37 P.L.1979, c.314 (C.39:3-54.14); section 2 of P.L.1999, c.308  
38 (C.39:3-75.2); R.S.39:3-84; section 2 of P.L.1999, c.396 (C.39:3-  
39 84.7); section 3 of P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-3); section 10 of P.L.  
40 1983, c.105 (C.39:4-14.3j); section 23 of P.L.1983, c.105 (C.39:4-  
41 14.3w); R.S.39:4-26; R.S.39:4-30; section 11 of P.L.1985, c.14  
42 (C.39:4-139.12); section 1 of P.L.1972, c.38 (C.39:5-30.4); section  
43 31 of P.L.1994, c.60 (C.39:5-36.1); section 20 of P.L.1952, c.173  
44 (C.39:6-42); section 2 of P.L.1983, c.141 (C.39:6B-3); R.S.39:7-3;  
45 section 3 of P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-11); section 8 of  
46 P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-16); section 9 of P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-  
47 17); section 15 of P.L.1975, c.156 (C.39:8-23); section 5 of

1 P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-45); section 7 of P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-  
2 47); section 12 of P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-52); section 11 of  
3 P.L.1995, c.157 (C.39:8-69); section 13 of P.L.1995, c.112 (C.39:8-  
4 53); section 14 of P.L. 1995, c.112 (C.39:8-54); R.S.39:10-11;  
5 R.S.39:10-12; R.S.39:10-14; R.S.39:10-16; R.S.39:10-19;  
6 R.S.39:10-25; section 5 of P.L.1983, c.323 (C.39:10-35); section 8  
7 of P.L.1983, c.455 (C.39:10A-15); R.S.39:11-8; section 2 of  
8 P.L.1951, c.216 (C.39:12-2); section 5 of P.L.1951, c.216 (C.39:12-  
9 5); and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.360 (C.39:13-2).

10 Proportional revenues remitted to the commission for the fiscal  
11 years beginning July 1, 2004 and thereafter shall have the same  
12 proportion as the proportional revenues remitted to the commission  
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003~~],~~ and this calculation  
14 shall not be impacted by the acceleration of revenue attributable to  
15 new passenger automobile registrations implemented pursuant to  
16 P.L.2004, c.64~~]~~.

17 b. In addition to the proportionately increased or lowered  
18 revenue provided for in subsection a. of this section, the  
19 commission shall receive 100 percent of the revenues collected  
20 from any new service charge and 100 percent of the increased  
21 revenues collected from any existing service charge increased by  
22 law or regulation. Any new or increased service charge shall not be  
23 included in the calculation of the proportional revenue remitted to  
24 the commission.

25 c. In addition to the revenues provided for in subsections a. and  
26 b. of this section, all fees collected pursuant to ~~Chapter 3~~ chapter  
27 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes required to defray the costs of  
28 the commission with respect to producing, issuing, renewing, and  
29 publicizing license plates, or related computer programming shall  
30 be considered revenues of the commission notwithstanding any  
31 other provision of law.

32 d. Revenues of the commission shall not be subject to  
33 appropriation as direct State services by the Legislature. In  
34 addition, the revenues of the commission shall not be restricted  
35 from use by the commission in any manner except as provided by  
36 law. Revenues of the commission may be used in the furtherance of  
37 any purpose of the commission or as otherwise provided for by law.  
38 (cf: P.L.2007, c.335, s.15)

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

41 39:3-8. The applicant for registration for any passenger  
42 automobile manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model  
43 year shall pay to the chief administrator for each registration a fee  
44 of \$14 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping  
45 weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$23 for each such vehicle  
46 having a manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more,

1 but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$44 for each vehicle  
2 having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds;  
3 provided, however, an applicant who has been issued an  
4 identification card for a person with a disability pursuant to section  
5 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private  
6 passenger van manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971  
7 model year which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any  
8 other specially designed mechanical device for persons with  
9 disabilities as designated by the chief administrator that specifically  
10 requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the  
11 device's dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's  
12 installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$14 for that vehicle.  
13 The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile  
14 manufactured in model year 1971 and thereafter, except as  
15 determined hereinafter, shall pay to the chief administrator for each  
16 registration a fee of \$17 for each such vehicle having a  
17 manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of  
18 \$28 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight  
19 of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a  
20 fee of \$51 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping  
21 weight in excess of 3,800 pounds; provided, however, an applicant  
22 who has been issued an identification card for a person with a  
23 disability pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and  
24 is registering a private passenger van manufactured in model year  
25 1971 or thereafter, except as determined hereinafter, which has been  
26 equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any other specially designed  
27 mechanical device for persons with disabilities as designated by the  
28 chief administrator that specifically requires installation only in a  
29 private passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating  
30 characteristics, or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall  
31 pay a fee of \$17 for that vehicle. The applicant for registration for  
32 any 1980 or thereafter model year passenger automobile registered  
33 on or after March 1, 1979 shall pay to the chief administrator for  
34 each registration a fee of \$25 for each such vehicle having a  
35 manufacturer's shipping weight not greater than 3,500 pounds and a  
36 fee of \$50 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight  
37 in excess of 3,500 pounds; provided, however, an applicant who has  
38 been issued an identification card for a person with a disability  
39 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and is  
40 registering any 1980 or thereafter model year private passenger van  
41 which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any other  
42 specially designed mechanical device for persons with disabilities  
43 as designated by the chief administrator that specifically requires  
44 installation only in a private passenger van because of the device's  
45 dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's installation  
46 requirements, shall pay a fee of \$25 for that vehicle.  
47 **【**Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the

1 applicant for registration for any new passenger automobile, for  
2 which the registration will expire on the last day of the 48th  
3 calendar month following the calendar month in which it was first  
4 issued, or for the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile  
5 is a leased motor vehicle subject to an extended registration period  
6 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4, shall prepay to the chief administrator the  
7 full amount due for the 48-month term, or the full amount due based  
8 upon the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile is a  
9 leased motor vehicle, upon the initial registration. The portion of  
10 that prepayment that is dedicated to specific purposes in accordance  
11 with section 110 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-38) and subsections a.  
12 and b. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.87 (C.39:3-8.2) shall be deposited  
13 in their respective dedicated accounts.】 The chief administrator  
14 shall determine the manufacturer's shipping weight and model year  
15 for each passenger automobile on the basis of the information  
16 contained in the certificate of origin, the application for registration  
17 【or for renewal of registration】, or the records of the division, or  
18 any or all of these; and any case in which the manufacturer's  
19 shipping weight of any particular passenger automobile is  
20 unavailable, or in doubt or dispute, the chief administrator may  
21 require that such automobile be weighed on a scale designated by  
22 the chief administrator, and such actual weight shall be considered  
23 the manufacturer's shipping weight for the purposes of this section;  
24 but in all cases the chief administrator's determination of the  
25 manufacturer's shipping weight of any such automobile shall be  
26 final. The applicant for registration for passenger automobile shall  
27 also pay to the chief administrator the inspection fee fixed in  
28 R.S.39:8-2 in addition to the fees described hereinabove.

29 The chief administrator may also license private utility and house  
30 type semitrailers and trailers with a gross load not in excess of  
31 2,000 pounds at a fee of \$4 per annum and all other such utility and  
32 house-type semitrailers and trailers at \$9 per annum. Application  
33 for such registration shall be made on a blank to be furnished by the  
34 commission, and the application shall contain a statement to the  
35 effect that the vehicle so registered will not be used for the  
36 commercial transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, or for  
37 hire.

38 Except as provided in R.S.39:3-84 for recreation vehicles, no  
39 private utility or house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside  
40 width of more than 96 inches, a maximum height of 13 feet 6  
41 inches, a maximum length for a single vehicle of more than 35 feet,  
42 a maximum length for a semitrailer and its towing vehicle of more  
43 than 45 feet, and a maximum length for a trailer and its towing  
44 vehicle of more than 50 feet, shall be operated on any highway in  
45 this State, except that a vehicle exceeding the above limitations may  
46 be operated when a special permit so to operate is secured in  
47 advance from the chief administrator. A house type semitrailer or

1 trailer with an outside width of no more than 16 feet shall be  
2 entitled to operate with such a special permit if the vehicle is a  
3 manufactured home on a transportation system that is designed in  
4 accordance with the "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety  
5 Standards," 24 CFR section 3280.901 et seq., promulgated by the  
6 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as  
7 amended and supplemented, provided that the operator complies  
8 with the provisions of this Title and the rules and regulations issued  
9 thereunder. If such a vehicle has an outside width of more than 16  
10 feet, it shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if it is  
11 transported on a commercial type low-bed trailer, semitrailer, or  
12 properly registered dolly wheels pursuant to rules and regulations  
13 established by the chief administrator. The application for such  
14 permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the chief  
15 administrator. A special permit issued by the chief administrator  
16 shall be in the possession of the operator of the vehicle for which  
17 such permit was issued. In computing any dimensions of a vehicle,  
18 for the purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the  
19 dimensional limitations safety equipment such as mirrors or lights,  
20 provided such appliances do not exceed the overall limitations  
21 established by the chief administrator by rule or regulation.

22 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.149)

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

25 39:3-30. Upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of  
26 any motor vehicle or vehicle its registration shall become void. If  
27 the motor vehicle or vehicle is sold the original owner shall remove  
28 the license plates therefrom, and surrender them to the **[division]**  
29 commission in a manner specified by the **[director]** chief  
30 administrator if such plates are not transferred to another vehicle  
31 pursuant to this section.

32 The original owner may, by proper sworn application on a form  
33 to be furnished by the **[division]** commission, register another  
34 motor vehicle for the unexpired portion of the registration period of  
35 the original vehicle, unless the original vehicle is a passenger  
36 automobile, motorcycle, or noncommercial truck. A person  
37 applying to use the unexpired portion of a registration under this  
38 section shall pay a fee of \$4.50 if the vehicle is of a weight or other  
39 classification equal with or less than the one originally registered,  
40 and shall pay a fee of \$4.50 and the difference between the fee  
41 originally paid and that due if the new motor vehicle is properly  
42 registerable in a higher class. Unless the original license plates have  
43 been destroyed, the owner shall be assigned the license number  
44 previously issued to him and shall receive a new registration  
45 certificate. If the original license plates have been destroyed,  
46 replacement of the plates will be made under the provisions of  
47 R.S.39:3-32.

1 The surviving husband, wife, child or children of a deceased  
2 registered owner of any motor vehicle in whom title thereto shall  
3 vest by virtue of the terms of the will of such deceased owner, or  
4 otherwise, shall, upon application to the **【director】** chief  
5 administrator, and upon the payment of a fee of \$4.50, be entitled to  
6 have the registration of such vehicle transferred to his or her name.

7 The registered owner of any motor vehicle shall, upon  
8 application to the **【director】** chief administrator, and payment of a  
9 fee of \$4.50, be entitled to have the vehicle registered jointly in the  
10 name of the registered owner and the spouse of said owner. The  
11 registration certificate and certificate of ownership shall be  
12 amended accordingly without the payment of any additional fee.

13 (cf: P.L.1995, c.112, s.34)  
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15 6. R.S.39:3-31 is amended to read as follows:

16 39:3-31. The chief administrator, upon presentation of a  
17 statement duly sworn to, stating that the original registration  
18 certificate or original motorized bicycle registration certificate has  
19 been destroyed, lost or stolen, may, if he is satisfied that the facts as  
20 set forth in the statement are substantially true, issue a duplicate or  
21 amended registration certificate or motorized bicycle registration  
22 certificate to the original holder thereof, upon the payment to the  
23 chief administrator of a fee of \$5 for each duplicate or amended  
24 registration certificate or motorized bicycle registration certificate  
25 so issued. The chief administrator, upon presentation of a  
26 statement, duly sworn to, stating that the original driver's license  
27 has been destroyed, lost or stolen, or requesting a new color picture,  
28 may, if he is satisfied that the facts as set forth in the statement are  
29 substantially true, issue a duplicate driver's license to the original  
30 holder thereof, upon payment to the chief administrator of a fee of  
31 \$5 in addition to the digitized picture fee. Notwithstanding any  
32 other provision of law to the contrary, the fee for a duplicate or  
33 amended registration certificate for any new passenger automobile  
34 **【required to be registered for a 48-month term】** or for any new  
35 passenger automobile leased for a term of more than 12 months  
36 **【pursuant to R.S.39:3-4】**, shall be \$11.

37 (cf: P.L.2004, c.64, s.3)  
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39 7. Section 1 of P.L.1961, c.77 (39:3-31.1) is amended to read  
40 as follows:

41 1. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
42 Commission, upon presentation of a statement by the holder of an  
43 original registration certificate that he requires a duplicate  
44 registration certificate for use by members of his family, shall issue  
45 a duplicate original registration certificate to the holder of the  
46 original registration certificate upon the payment to the chief  
47 administrator of a fee of \$5. Notwithstanding any other provision

1 of law to the contrary, the fee for a duplicate registration certificate  
2 for any new passenger automobile **【required to be registered for a**  
3 **48-month term】** or for any new passenger automobile leased for a  
4 term of more than 12 months**【 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4】**, shall be  
5 \$11.

6 Any such duplicate original registration certificate may be used  
7 in the same manner and for the same purpose as the original  
8 registration certificate but may be used only by the holder of the  
9 original registration certificate or a member of his family. Any  
10 reference to the original registration certificate in the chapter to  
11 which this act is supplementary or in Title 39 of the Revised  
12 Statutes as amended and supplemented shall be deemed to include  
13 any and all duplicate original registration certificates issued  
14 pursuant to this act and, in the event that the holder of the original  
15 registration certificate shall be required to surrender the same by  
16 virtue of the provisions of any law, he shall also be required to  
17 surrender the duplicate original registration certificate if he shall  
18 have had such duplicate original registration certificate issued to  
19 him. The chief administrator shall make and promulgate such rules  
20 and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
21 this act.

22 This section shall also apply to registration certificates for  
23 motorized bicycles.

24 (cf: P.L.2004, c.64, s.4)

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26 8. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.192 (C.39:3-33a) is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 1. Whenever the **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** Motor Vehicle  
29 Commission is authorized to charge an additional application fee  
30 for the issuance of a personalized, courtesy or special license plate,  
31 the **【division】** commission shall charge that additional application  
32 fee only upon the initial issuance of the plate. If a personalized,  
33 courtesy or special plate is issued to a lessee in a motor vehicle  
34 leasing agreement, upon termination of the lease the lessee may  
35 apply to the **【director】** chief administrator to have the plate reissued  
36 to another motor vehicle leased or owned by the lessee upon  
37 payment of a fee of \$4.50. If a personalized, courtesy or special  
38 license plate is issued to an owner of a motor vehicle, the owner  
39 may apply to the **【director】** chief administrator to have the plate  
40 reissued to another motor vehicle leased or owned by the owner  
41 upon payment of a fee of \$4.50. Nothing in this section shall be  
42 construed as prohibiting the **【division】** commission from charging**【,**  
43 at the time of annual registration renewal,**】** the payment of the  
44 additional fee which has been required under any other section of  
45 law for a special license plate.

46 (cf: P.L.1999, c.192, s.1)



1       The bill removes provisions concerning extended registration of  
2 new passenger automobiles and clarifies that certain additional fees  
3 applied to vehicle registrations would be collected only upon the  
4 initial registration of a passenger automobile, motorcycle, or  
5 noncommercial truck because the bill eliminates registration  
6 renewal for these vehicles.

7       The bill also clarifies that the annual renewal of special insignia  
8 and special vehicle identification cards issued to owners of certain  
9 motor vehicles that transport persons with intellectual disabilities  
10 would no longer be linked to the vehicle registration renewal, as the  
11 bill eliminates the annual registration requirement for these  
12 vehicles.

13       Under the provisions of the bill, the Chief Administrator of the  
14 Motor Vehicle Commission may continue to charge an annual fee  
15 for use of special license plates even though the owner of the  
16 vehicle is not required to annually register the vehicle or pay an  
17 annual registration fee.