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SYNOPSIS

Concerns temporary registration certificates for automobiles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning temporary registration certificates for
2 automobiles and amending P.L.1969, c.301.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4b) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. Any nonresident purchasing an automobile from a licensed
10 dealer in New Jersey which is to be principally garaged, registered,
11 and titled in another state, a federal district, or **【Canada】**, another
12 country may register the automobile in New Jersey on a temporary
13 basis.

14 A temporary registration shall be made in the following manner:
15 An 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 lawful agent, on
18 forms prepared and supplied by the chief administrator, containing
19 the name, address, and age of the owner, together with a description
20 of the character of the automobile, including the name of the maker
21 and the manufacturer's number or the motor number, or both, and
22 any other statement that may be required by the chief
23 administrator. A temporary registration certificate shall not be
24 issued unless the licensed dealer has confirmed that the vehicle for
25 which the temporary registration is to be issued is insured in
26 accordance with the requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-
27 Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.), or the
28 corresponding financial responsibility laws of the jurisdiction in
29 which the vehicle is to be titled and registered.

30 In the event that the insurance is terminated, the insurer shall
31 notify the chief administrator within 30 days, following the
32 termination.

33 Thereupon the chief administrator or licensed dealer shall have
34 the power to grant a temporary registration certificate and
35 temporary plates to the owner of any automobile, if over 17 years of
36 age, either directly or through any licensed motor vehicle dealer
37 who is not within the geographical district, application for the
38 temporary registration having been properly made and the required
39 fee paid, and the vehicle being of a type that complies with the
40 requirements of this subtitle. The form and contents of the
41 temporary registration certificate to be issued shall be prescribed by
42 the chief administrator. The chief administrator shall maintain a
43 record of all temporary registration certificates issued, and of the
44 contents thereof.

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 Every temporary registration shall expire and the certificate
2 thereof shall become void on the 30th day following the date on
3 which the certificate was issued; no temporary registration shall be
4 renewed, except as a permanent registration pursuant to R.S.39:3-4,
5 and after payment of the fees prescribed therein, or as a second
6 temporary registration certificate issued pursuant to section 2 of
7 P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4c). Each licensed dealer shall remit upon
8 issuance of a second temporary registration certificate the amount
9 due to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

10 The chief administrator shall issue temporary registration
11 certificates for the 30-day registration period, which shall be
12 effective immediately.

13 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
14 subject to a fine not exceeding \$100, except that for the
15 misstatement of any fact in the application required to be made by
16 the chief administrator, the person making the misstatement shall be
17 subject to the penalties provided in R.S.39:3-37.

18 (cf: P.L.2017, c. 352, s.1)

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20 2. Section 2 of P.L.1969, c.301 (C.39:3-4c) is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 2. The chief administrator may prescribe rules and regulations
23 governing the issuance of temporary registration certificates and
24 temporary plates by motor vehicle dealers, motorized bicycle
25 dealers, and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and may
26 require security in sufficient amount to guarantee payment of all
27 fees and moneys to the State of New Jersey and, upon a finding that
28 any abuse has been practiced by any licensed motor vehicle or
29 motorized bicycle dealer, the chief administrator shall have the right
30 to suspend the dealer's privilege or franchise from issuing
31 temporary registration certificates and plates. Temporary
32 registration certificates for vehicles to be permanently registered in
33 New Jersey or any other jurisdiction shall be valid for a period of
34 30 days. In the event permanent registration has been delayed by
35 reason of a lost title certificate or failure of a lien holder to timely
36 turn over a certificate of title, a second temporary registration
37 certificate may be issued. A licensed motor vehicle or motorized
38 bicycle dealer shall make a record in the form and manner
39 prescribed by the chief administrator for any second temporary
40 registration certificate issued and shall pay an enhanced fee to be
41 determined by the chief administrator for each second temporary
42 registration issued. Each licensed motor vehicle or motorized
43 bicycle dealer shall annually determine the fees to be paid pursuant
44 to this section and shall remit annually under certification the
45 amount due to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

46 No temporary registration certificate shall be issued by a
47 licensed dealer hereunder unless the licensed dealer has confirmed
48 that the vehicle for which the temporary registration is to be issued

1 is covered by a policy of insurance in accordance with the
2 requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law,"
3 P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.), whether by a policy in the
4 name of the purchaser covering the vehicle or which would provide
5 coverage for the purchaser while operating the vehicle or by an
6 endorsement to a policy in the name of the licensed dealer;
7 provided, however, no permanent registration shall be issued unless
8 a policy in the name of the purchaser or someone in the purchaser's
9 household is confirmed.

10 A temporary registration certificate issued hereunder may be
11 issued by any employee authorized by a licensed dealer to do so;
12 however, the licensee shall be liable for the acts of any authorized
13 employee in issuing temporary registrations, whether the particular
14 unlawful acts were authorized or unauthorized.
15 (cf: P.L. 2017, c.352, s.2)

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 STATEMENT

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22 This bill increases the number of days for which a temporary
23 registration certificate issued to an out-of-State purchaser of an
24 automobile is valid from 20 days to 30 days if the vehicle is to be
25 principally garaged, registered, and titled in another state, federal
26 district, or country. The bill also allows a nonresident purchaser of
27 an automobile to receive a second temporary registration certificate
28 for an additional period of 30 days if the permanent registration is
29 delayed by reason of a lost title certificate or failure of a lien holder
30 to turn over a certificate of title. Under current law, purchasers who
31 reside in New Jersey are issued a temporary registration certificate
32 that is valid for 30 days and may be issued a second 30-day
33 temporary registration certificate.

34 The bill also provides that a temporary registration certificate is
35 not to be issued for a vehicle sold to a nonresident unless the
36 licensed dealer has confirmed that the vehicle is insured pursuant to
37 State law or to the laws of the state, federal district, or country in
38 which the vehicle is to be titled and registered.