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SYNOPSIS

Increases protections for domestic violence victims as part of driver's license application or renewal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/13/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration and amending
2 P.L.1994, c.182.

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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 23 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:3-10m) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 23. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, each in-person applicant, who meets all requirements for
11 eligibility to vote, for a State motor vehicle driver's license, an
12 examination permit, a probationary driver's license, or a non-driver
13 identification card application, including any new application **【**for a
14 renewal or update thereof**】**, except as provided in paragraphs (2)
15 and (3) of subsection b. of section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-
16 3.2), submitted to an agent of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
17 Commission shall be offered an opportunity to decline the
18 automatic voter registration pursuant to section 24 of
19 P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2).

20 b. The commission shall include on the electronic signature pad
21 system a notification to applicants who are subject to section 1 of
22 P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) that they may register to vote or
23 update their voter registration information without disclosing their
24 street address, and shall direct the applicants to the appropriate
25 agency in order to do so.

26 (cf: P.L.2018, c.6, s.2)

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
29 month next following the date of enactment, but the chief
30 administrator may take any anticipatory administrative action in
31 advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this
32 act.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
38 (MVC) to offer a person an opportunity to update her or his voter
39 registration information on the commission's electronic signature
40 pad system, and provides increased protections for domestic
41 violence victims.

42 Under current law, each applicant for a driver's license is offered
43 by the MVC an opportunity to simultaneously register to vote. The
44 bill provides that the MVC would be required to include on the
45 electronic signature pad system a notification to any applicant who

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 is a victim of domestic violence or stalking, and is authorized by
2 law to withhold disclosure of her or his street address when
3 registering to vote, that the applicant may register to vote or update
4 voter registration information without disclosing a street address.
5 The MVC would also be required to direct the applicants to the
6 appropriate agency in order to register or update the information.
7 This bill would ensure that the MVC's automated system
8 provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence and
9 stalking by notifying them that they may register to vote or update
10 their voter registration information without disclosing their street
11 address, as recommended by the Governor in 2016.