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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to safeguard certain personal information and change method of generating driver's license and identification card numbers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT safeguarding personal information stored by the New
2 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and supplementing Title 39 of
3 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. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
9 Commission, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney
10 General and the Department of Banking and Insurance, shall take
11 actions to safeguard personal information stored by the commission,
12 which shall include encrypting all data that is transmitted by the
13 commission over the Internet and selecting a method of generating
14 driver's license and identification card numbers that does not use a
15 code by which personal information of an individual is able to be
16 discerned. The chief administrator shall review methods used in
17 other states to generate driver's license and identification card
18 numbers and may use a method that randomly generates a driver's
19 license or identification card number.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
27 Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to take actions to safeguard
28 personal information stored by the MVC. Specifically, the bill
29 requires the chief administrator to encrypt all data that is
30 transmitted by the commission over the Internet and to select a
31 method of generating driver's license and identification card
32 numbers that does not use a code by which personal information of
33 an individual is able to be discerned. The chief administrator is
34 required to review methods used in other states and may ultimately
35 determine to use random generation for driver's license and
36 identification card numbers.

37 New Jersey currently uses certain personal information to
38 generate a person's driver's license number but many other states
39 use random number generation to establish a person's driver's
40 license number. In recent years, the algorithm that determines
41 driver's license numbers in states that generate driver's license
42 numbers based on personal information has effectively been
43 decoded. As a result, states such as Washington and New
44 Hampshire have switched the way driver's license numbers are
45 generated to random number generation.