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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to create mobile driver's licenses and identification cards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** creating mobile driver’s licenses and identification cards,
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, and amending
3 R.S.39:3-29.

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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. (New section) a. As used in this section:

9 “Mobile driver’s license” means an electronic basic driver’s
10 license, electronic motorcycle license, or electronic probationary
11 driver’s license issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
12 Commission that is accessible on a mobile electronic
13 communication device and includes all information found on a
14 printed, hard-copy basic driver’s license, motorcycle license, or
15 probationary driver’s license issued by the commission;

16 “Mobile electronic communication device” means any mobile
17 device capable of communication or other transmission of
18 information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,
19 wireless tablet, any device with Internet capability, or other wireless
20 communication device; and

21 “Mobile identification card” means an electronic identification
22 card issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission that is
23 accessible on a mobile electronic communication device and
24 includes all information found on a printed, hard-copy identification
25 card issued by the commission.

26 b. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
27 Commission shall create and issue a mobile driver’s license and
28 mobile identification card to an individual who voluntarily requests
29 a mobile driver’s license or mobile identification card and who
30 meets all requirements for the issuance of a driver’s license or
31 identification card. The commission may charge and collect a
32 reasonable fee for the issuance of a mobile driver’s license and
33 mobile identification card. The commission shall retain such fee in
34 accordance with subsection b. of section 105 of P.L.2003, c.13
35 (C.39:2A-36).

36 c. The commission shall provide that the mobile driver’s license
37 and mobile identification card include features to ensure the
38 security and integrity of the license and identification card. A
39 process, prescribed by the chief administrator, shall provide for the
40 issuance of mobile driver’s licenses and mobile identification cards
41 to prevent and detect the alteration, duplication, counterfeiting,
42 photographing, forging, or other modification of the mobile driver’s
43 license and mobile identification card.

44 d. The commission shall allow a person with a mobile driver’s
45 license or a mobile identification card, or a person applying for such

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 driver's license or identification card, to update the person's motor
2 vehicle record, including, but not limited to, a change of address
3 and organ donor status. Such changes shall immediately become
4 part of the person's official motor vehicle record and shall take
5 precedence over information provided on a printed, hard-copy
6 driver's license and identification card.

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8 2. R.S.39:3-29 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-29. The driver's license, the registration certificate of a
10 motor vehicle and an insurance identification card shall be in the
11 possession of the driver or operator at all times when he is in charge
12 of a motor vehicle on the highways of this State.

13 The driver or operator shall exhibit his driver's license and an
14 insurance identification card, and the holder of a registration
15 certificate or the operator or driver of a motor vehicle for which a
16 registration certificate has been issued, whether or not the holder,
17 driver or operator is a resident of this State, shall also exhibit the
18 registration certificate, when requested so to do by a police officer
19 or judge, while in the performance of the duties of his office, and
20 shall write his name in the presence of the officer, so that the officer
21 may thereby determine the identity of the licensee and at the same
22 time determine the correctness of the registration certificate, as it
23 relates to the registration number and number plates of the motor
24 vehicle for which it was issued; and the correctness of the evidence
25 of a policy of insurance, as it relates to the coverage of the motor
26 vehicle for which it was issued.

27 The driver's license and insurance identification card may be
28 displayed or provided in either paper or electronic form. For the
29 purposes of this section, "electronic form" means the display of
30 images on an electronic device, such as a cellular telephone, tablet,
31 or computer.

32 The use of a cellular telephone, tablet, computer, or any other
33 electronic device to display the driver's license and proof of
34 insurance does not constitute consent for a police officer or judge to
35 access any other contents on the device. Any police officer or
36 judge presented with an electronic device pursuant to this section
37 shall be immune from any liability resulting from damage to the
38 device.

39 Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of
40 \$150, except that if the person is a driver or operator of an omnibus,
41 as defined pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the amount of the fine shall be
42 \$250. Of the amount of any such fine collected pursuant to this
43 paragraph, \$25 shall be deposited in the Uninsured Motorist
44 Prevention Fund established by section 2 of P.L.1983, c.141
45 (C.39:6B-3).

46 If a person charged with a violation of this section can exhibit his
47 driver's license, insurance identification card, and registration
48 certificate, which were valid on the day he was charged, to the

1 judge of the municipal court before whom he is summoned to
2 answer to the charge, such judge may dismiss the charge. However,
3 the judge may impose court costs.

4 In addition to and independent of any fine or other penalty
5 provided for under law, the court shall impose a fine of \$150 on any
6 driver or operator of an omnibus, convicted of a violation of this
7 section, who does not have a certificate of public convenience and
8 necessity as required pursuant to R.S.48:4-3. The State Treasurer
9 shall annually deposit the monies collected from the fines imposed
10 pursuant to this paragraph to the "Omnibus Safety Enforcement
11 Fund" established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.40 (C.39:3-
12 79.23). The fine described herein shall not be deemed a fine,
13 penalty, or forfeiture pursuant to R.S.39:5-41.
14 (cf: P.L.2015, c.54. s.1)
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16 3. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
17 Commission shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
18 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to
19 implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
20 the Legislature as this bill).
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22 4. This act shall take effect 72 months after enactment, but the
23 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
24 may take any administrative action in advance of that date as may
25 be necessary for the timely implantation of this act.
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28 STATEMENT 29

30 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
31 Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to create and issue a
32 mobile driver's license and mobile identification card to an
33 individual who voluntarily requests one. Under the bill, the
34 definition of a mobile driver's license includes a basic driver's
35 license, motorcycle license, and probationary driver's license that is
36 accessible on a mobile electronic communication device and
37 includes all information found on a printed, hard-copy version. The
38 commission may charge and collect a reasonable fee for the
39 issuance of a mobile driver's license and mobile identification card.

40 When issuing a mobile driver's license and mobile identification
41 card, the commission is required to prevent and detect the
42 alteration, duplication, counterfeiting, photographing, forging, or
43 other modification of the mobile driver's license and mobile
44 identification card and is to include features in the license and card
45 to ensure the security and integrity of these documents.

46 Under the bill, the commission is to allow a person with a mobile
47 driver's license or a mobile identification card, or a person applying
48 for one, to update the person's motor vehicle record. The changes

1 are to immediately become part of the person's official motor
2 vehicle record and are to take precedence over information provided
3 on a printed, hard-copy driver's license and identification card.

4 The bill provides that a person may possess a mobile driver's
5 license when driving a motor vehicle in this State and may exhibit a
6 mobile driver's license when requested to do so by a police officer
7 or judge.

8 This bill includes recommendations from the Mobile Driver's
9 License Feasibility Study that the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
10 Commission prepared and submitted pursuant to P.L.2015, c.239.