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SYNOPSIS

Extends expiration date of wheelchair symbol license plates and person with disability identification cards during COVID-19 public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the temporary extension of the expiration date
2 for wheelchair symbol license plates and person with a disability
3 identification cards during the COVID-19 public health
4 emergency.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. a. As used in this act “public health emergency” means the
10 public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus disease 2019
11 and declared by the Governor on March 9, 2020 pursuant to
12 Executive Order No. 103 and extended, where applicable, by
13 subsequent executive orders.

14 b. Notwithstanding P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) and any
15 other provision of law to the contrary, the Chief Administrator of
16 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall extend for the 90-
17 day extension period established in Executive Order No. 170
18 following the expiration of the public health emergency and by an
19 additional nine months the expiration date of wheelchair symbol
20 license plates issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280
21 (C.39:4-206) that expire during the public health emergency and
22 have not been renewed. A person issued wheelchair symbol license
23 plates shall not be required to annually renew the license plates
24 during the public health emergency.

25 c. Notwithstanding P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) and any
26 other provision of law to the contrary, the chief administrator shall
27 extend the expiration date of person with a disability identification
28 cards issued pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205)
29 that expire during the public health emergency and that correspond
30 to the issuance of wheelchair symbol license plates that have been
31 extended pursuant to this act. The expiration date of person with a
32 disability identification cards shall be extended for the same period
33 of time as the corresponding wheelchair symbol license plates
34 extension and shall have the same expiration date as the
35 corresponding wheelchair symbol license plates.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire nine
38 months after the 90-day period following the expiration of the
39 public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus disease 2019
40 per the requirements established in Executive Order No. 170, either
41 upon the expiration of Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and any
42 subsequent executive orders extending the public health emergency;
43 or, in the absence of a rescission by the Governor, upon the
44 termination in any other manner of the declared public health
45 emergency.

STATEMENT

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This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to temporarily extend the expiration date of wheelchair symbol license plates and corresponding person with a disability identification cards during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. Under the bill, the chief administrator is required to extend the expiration date of wheelchair symbol license plates that expire during the COVID-19 public health emergency for the 90-day extension period established in Executive Order No. 170 following the expiration of the public health emergency and then by an additional nine months. 170.

A person issued wheelchair symbol license plates is not required to annually renew the license plates during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Under the bill, the corresponding person with a disability identification card that expires during the COVID-19 public health emergency is also extended for the same period of time as the wheelchair symbol license plates.

The bill takes effect immediately and expires nine months following the expiration of the 90-day period following the expiration of the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus disease 2019 per the requirements established in Executive Order No. 170.