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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Makes consent to register with Selective Service part of driver's license application process for males under age 26.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning Selective Service registration and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Legislature finds and declares that the penalties for
8 young men who disregard their duty to register with the United
9 States Selective Service System are severe, including steep fines
10 and imprisonment. Failure to register also may permanently
11 preclude a young man from obtaining a variety of federal benefits
12 such as federal employment, federal student financial assistance,
13 participation in federally funded job training programs, and
14 eligibility for United States citizenship for immigrants seeking
15 naturalization. In addition, men who fail to meet the registration
16 requirement forfeit the ability to obtain certain benefits such as
17 State-funded student loans.

18 Therefore, in recognition of the harsh consequences of non-
19 compliance and the importance of ensuring that any future draft is
20 fair and equitable, it is the intent of the Legislature to notify New
21 Jersey residents of their responsibility to register with Selective
22 Service, and to provide them with the opportunity to register
23 concurrently when applying for a driver's license or permit or a
24 nondriver identification card.

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26 2. A male United States citizen or immigrant who applies for a
27 special learner's permit, an examination permit, a probationary
28 driver's license, a basic driver's license, or a nondriver
29 identification card issued pursuant to P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-
30 29.3 et seq.), or for renewal of any license or identification card,
31 and who is less than 26 years of age, shall consent to his
32 registration in compliance with the requirements of the "Military
33 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App. 453.

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35 3. The chief administrator shall forward the personal
36 information required for registration of applicants pursuant to
37 section 2 of this act to the Selective Service System. The applicant's
38 submission of the application shall serve as an indication that he has
39 already registered with the Selective Service or that he is
40 authorizing the chief administrator to forward to the Selective
41 Service the necessary information for such registration.

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43 4. The chief administrator shall provide written notice on the
44 application that its submission shall serve as the applicant's consent
45 to be registered with the Selective Service System pursuant to
46 federal law. The chief administrator shall provide for the following
47 statement to be printed on the application for a special learner's

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1 permit, an examination permit, a probationary driver's license, a
2 basic driver's license, or a nondriver identification card:

3 "By submitting this application, I am consenting to registration
4 with the Selective Service System if so required by federal law. If
5 under 18 years of age, I understand that I will be registered as
6 required by federal law when I attain the age of 18 years."
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8 5. The provisions of this act shall apply to male citizens of the
9 United States and immigrants under the age of 26 years who are
10 applying for the initial issuance, renewal or a duplicate of a special
11 learner's permit, an examination permit, a probationary driver's
12 license, a basic driver's license, or a nondriver identification card
13 on or after the effective date of this act.
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15 6. The chief administrator may promulgate rules and
16 regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act pursuant to the
17 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
18 1 et seq.).
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20 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 12th month
21 after enactment, except that section 6 shall take effect immediately,
22 and the chief administrator, prior to the effective date, may take any
23 needed anticipatory action required for the act's effective
24 implementation.
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26 STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires every male United States citizen or immigrant
30 under age 26 who applies for a special learner's permit, an
31 examination permit, a probationary driver's license, a basic driver's
32 license, or a nondriver identification card, or for renewal of a
33 license or identification card, to consent to his registration for the
34 draft in compliance with the requirements of the "Military Selective
35 Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App. 453.

36 The bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
37 Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to forward the personal
38 information required for draft registration to the Selective Service
39 System. Submission of an application to the MVC would serve as
40 an indication that the applicant has already registered with the
41 Selective Service or that he is authorizing the chief administrator to
42 forward to the Selective Service the necessary information for
43 registration.
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45 The chief administrator is required to print a statement on the
46 application for a permit, driver's license, or nondriver identification
47 card stating that the applicant is consenting to Selective Service
48 registration if required by Federal law or, if under age 18,
registration upon attaining age 18.

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1 Failure to register or otherwise comply with the “Military
2 Selective Service Act” is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000,
3 imprisonment for up to five years, or both. In addition, violators
4 may be precluded from obtaining student financial aid, job training,
5 government employment and U.S. naturalization.