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SYNOPSIS

Permits incarcerated person to renew driver's license using existing digitized picture on file with MVC.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the renewal of driver's licenses for certain
2 persons and amending P.L.1979, c.261 and P.L.2009, c.329.

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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 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each
10 inmate at least ten days prior to release from a State correctional
11 facility:

12 a. A copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written
13 information on the inmate's right to have his criminal records
14 expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

15 b. General written information on the inmate's right to vote
16 under R.S.19:4-1;

17 c. General written information on the availability of programs,
18 including faith-based and secular programs, that would assist in
19 removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in
20 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including, but not
21 limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted
22 Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the
23 certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et
24 seq.);

25 d. A detailed written record of the inmate's participation in
26 educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment
27 programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

28 e. A written accounting of the fines, assessments, surcharges,
29 restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other
30 obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;

31 f. A non-driver identification card, which shall be issued by
32 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission pursuant to section 2 of
33 P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) and for which the Motor Vehicle
34 Commission shall accept a former inmate's Department of
35 Corrections identification card to have a two-point value in
36 applying for the non-driver identification card;

37 g. A copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was
38 born in New Jersey;

39 h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

40 i. A one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;

41 j. A two-week supply of prescription medication;

42 k. General written information concerning child support,
43 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information
44 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to

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 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and
2 establishing parentage; and

3 1. (1) A medical discharge summary, which shall include
4 instructions on how to obtain from the commissioner a copy of the
5 inmate's full medical record. Upon request from the inmate, the
6 commissioner shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical
7 record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate.

8 (2) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the
9 commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical
10 Examiners, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
11 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
12 seq.), to ensure that these records are expeditiously and securely
13 provided, in a manner consistent with the provision of medical
14 records by other providers.
15 (cf: P.L.2011, c.191, s.1)

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17 2. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.261 (C.39:3-10f) is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 1. In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a
20 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary
21 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), on
22 and after the operative date of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4 et al.),
23 each initial New Jersey license, each renewal of a New Jersey
24 driver's license, and each probationary license shall have a digitized
25 photograph of the licensee. All licenses issued on and after January
26 1, 2000 shall be valid for a period of 48 calendar months. However,
27 the chief administrator may, at the chief administrator's discretion,
28 issue licenses and endorsements that shall expire on a date fixed by
29 the chief administrator. The fee for those licenses or endorsements
30 shall be fixed in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fee
31 otherwise established. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
32 section to the contrary, a person 70 years of age or older may elect
33 to have a license issued for a period of two or four years, which
34 election shall not be altered by the chief administrator. The fee for
35 the two-year standard license shall be \$9, in addition to the fee for a
36 digitized photograph established in section 4 of P.L.2001, c.391
37 (C.39:3-10f4). The fee for a two-year REAL ID license shall be
38 \$14.50, in addition to the fee for a digitized photograph established
39 in section 4 of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4). The chief
40 administrator may, for good cause, extend a license and any
41 endorsement thereon beyond their expiration dates for periods not
42 to exceed 12 additional months. The chief administrator may
43 extend the expiration date of a license and any endorsement thereon
44 without payment of a proportionate fee **【when the chief**
45 **administrator determines that the extension is necessary】** for good
46 cause. If any license and endorsements thereon are so extended, the
47 licensee shall pay upon renewal the full license fee for the period
48 fixed by the chief administrator as if no extension had been granted.

1 Each initial driver's license issued to a person under the age of
2 21 after the effective date of P.L.1999, c.28 (C.39:3-10f1 et al.)
3 shall be conspicuously distinct, through the use of color and design,
4 from the driver's licenses issued to persons 21 years of age or older.
5 The chief administrator, in consultation with the Superintendent of
6 State Police, shall determine the color and the manner in which the
7 license is designed to achieve this result. The license shall bear the
8 words "UNDER 21" in a conspicuous manner. The chief
9 administrator shall provide that, upon attaining the age of 21, a
10 licensee shall be issued a replacement driver's license or a new
11 license, as appropriate. The fee for a replacement license shall be
12 \$5 in addition to the digitized photograph fee.

13 As **【conditions】** a condition for the renewal of a driver's license,
14 the chief administrator shall provide that the photograph of a
15 licensee be updated except that the chief administrator may elect to
16 use a stored photograph to renew a license for a period not
17 exceeding four additional years for \$18 for a standard license and
18 \$29 for a REAL ID license, in addition to the digitized photograph
19 fee.

20 In addition to any other extension, the chief administrator shall
21 allow a person to use a stored photograph to renew a license for a
22 period not exceeding one year if the person presents documentation
23 by a licensed physician that the person is undergoing medical
24 treatment for an illness and the treatment results in temporary
25 changes to the person's physical characteristics. The fee for this
26 extension shall be \$18 for a standard license and \$29 for a REAL
27 ID license and the person shall not be required to pay the digitized
28 photograph fee pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-
29 10f4).

30 Whenever a person has reconstructive or cosmetic surgery which
31 significantly alters the person's facial features, the person shall
32 notify the chief administrator who may require the photograph of
33 the licensee to be updated for \$5 in addition to the digitized
34 photograph fee.

35 In addition to any other extension, the chief administrator shall
36 allow a person who was a prisoner in any correctional institution in
37 the State to use a stored picture to renew a license for a period not
38 exceeding one year from the date that the person has been released
39 from imprisonment if the person presents to the chief administrator
40 a Department of Corrections identification card or non-driver
41 identification card issued pursuant to subsection f. of section 2 of
42 P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2). The fee for this extension shall be
43 \$18 and the person shall not be required to pay the digitized picture
44 fee pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4).

45 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or change any
46 expiration date on any New Jersey driver's license issued prior to
47 the operative date of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4 et al.) and,
48 unless a licensee's driving privileges are otherwise suspended or

