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SYNOPSIS

Exempts Purple Heart recipients from payment of motor vehicle registration, driver's license, and identification card fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle registration, licensing, and
2 identification card fees for certain veterans and amending
3 R.S.39:3-10, P.L.1948, c.28, and P.L.1980, c.47.
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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. R.S.39:3-10 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-10. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public
10 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while
11 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to
12 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a
13 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to
14 that person in accordance with this article.

15 A person under 18 years of age shall not be issued a basic license
16 to drive motor vehicles, and a person shall not be issued a validated
17 permit, including a validated examination permit, until the applicant
18 has passed a satisfactory examination and other requirements as to
19 the applicant's ability as an operator. The examination shall
20 include: a test of the applicant's vision; the applicant's ability to
21 understand traffic control devices; the applicant's knowledge of safe
22 driving practices, including the dangers of driving a vehicle in an
23 aggressive manner, which shall include, but not be limited to,
24 unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or
25 erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices,
26 failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too
27 closely; the applicant's knowledge of operating a motor vehicle in a
28 manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians, cyclists,
29 skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-motorized
30 vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to, passing a cyclist
31 on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes, navigating intersections
32 with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a vehicle without
33 endangering pedestrians and cyclists; the applicant's knowledge of
34 the effects that ingestion of alcohol or drugs has on a person's
35 ability to operate a motor vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of the
36 dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles and
37 techniques for the safe operation and proper maintenance of a motor
38 vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of portions of the mechanism of
39 motor vehicles as is necessary to insure the safe operation of a
40 vehicle of the kind or kinds indicated by the applicant; and the
41 applicant's knowledge of the laws and ordinary usages of the road.
42 The examination shall be made available in English and each of the
43 three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in the
44 State, as determined by the chief administrator. The chief
45 administrator shall periodically, and at least every five years, verify

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 the three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in
2 the State.

3 A person shall not sit for an examination for any permit without
4 exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable by the
5 commission, unless that person is a high school student
6 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved
7 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,
8 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of
9 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1). The commission may waive the
10 written law knowledge examination for any person 18 years of age
11 or older possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state,
12 the District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of
13 American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or
14 the Virgin Islands. The commission shall be required to provide
15 that person with a booklet that highlights those motor vehicle laws
16 unique to New Jersey. A road test shall be required for a
17 probationary license and serve as a demonstration of the applicant's
18 ability to operate a vehicle of the class designated. During the road
19 test, an applicant may use a rear visibility system, parking sensors,
20 or other technology installed on the motor vehicle that enables the
21 applicant to view areas directly behind the vehicle or alerts the
22 applicant of obstacles while parking.

23 A person shall not sit for a road test unless that person exhibits
24 photo identification deemed acceptable by the commission. A high
25 school student who has completed a course of behind-the-wheel
26 automobile driving education approved by the State Department of
27 Education and conducted in a public, parochial, or private school of
28 this State, who has been issued a special learner's permit pursuant to
29 section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1) prior to January 1, 2003,
30 shall not be required to exhibit photo identification in order to sit
31 for a road test. The commission may waive the road test for any
32 person 18 years of age or older possessing a valid driver's license
33 issued by any other state, the District of Columbia, or the United
34 States Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana
35 Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. The road test shall be
36 given on public streets, where practicable and feasible, but may be
37 preceded by an off-street screening process to assess basic skills.
38 The commission shall approve locations for the road test which
39 pose no more than a minimal risk of injury to the applicant, the
40 examiner, and other motorists. New locations for the road test shall
41 not be approved unless the test can be given on public streets.

42 A person who successfully completes a road test for a
43 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a
44 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of
45 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license
46 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of the vehicles to
47 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic
48 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road

1 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when
2 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more
3 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or
4 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.
5 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle
6 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of
7 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a
8 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine
9 displacement.

10 A person issued a motorcycle license pursuant to this section
11 may be issued a standard motorcycle license or a REAL ID
12 motorcycle license. The chief administrator shall require an
13 applicant for a standard motorcycle license to provide as proof of
14 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
15 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
16 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
17 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
18 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
19 applicant for the standard motorcycle license shall be the same for
20 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
21 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
22 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
23 remain in effect.

24 In addition to requiring the person to submit satisfactory proof of
25 identity and age, the commission shall require the person to
26 provide:

27 (1) as a condition for obtaining a standard motorcycle license,
28 proof of the person's social security number and one document
29 providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New Jersey
30 resident.

31 If the person does not have a social security number, the person
32 shall either:

33 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
34 Identification Number; or

35 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
36 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o
37 et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
38 number; or

39 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID motorcycle license:
40 two documents providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New
41 Jersey resident; proof of the person's social security number or
42 verification of ineligibility for a social security number in
43 accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
44 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
45 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the person's presence
46 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

47 A standard motorcycle license shall indicate that the license shall
48 not be accepted as identification for an official purpose, as that term

1 is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
2 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
3 regulations adopted thereunder.

4 The commission shall issue a standard basic driver's license or a
5 REAL ID basic driver's license to operate a motor vehicle other
6 than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of age who previously
7 has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle in this State or
8 another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1) operated a passenger
9 automobile in compliance with the requirements of this Title for not
10 less than one year, not including any period of suspension or
11 postponement, from the date of issuance of a probationary license
12 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been
13 assessed more than two motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted
14 in the previous year for a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of
15 P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), section 1 of P.L.1992, c.189
16 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129, N.J.S.2C:11-5, section 1 of P.L.2017,
17 c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3), subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other
18 motor vehicle-related violation the commission determines to be
19 significant and applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an
20 examination of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle
21 pursuant to this section.

22 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination by
23 20 percent. The additional questions to be added shall consist solely
24 of questions developed in conjunction with the Department of
25 Health concerning the use of alcohol or drugs as related to highway
26 safety. The commission shall develop, in conjunction with the
27 Department of Health, supplements to the driver's manual which
28 shall include information necessary to answer any question on the
29 driver's license examination concerning alcohol or drugs as related
30 to highway safety.

31 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects
32 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance
33 to youthful drivers, including the importance of operating a motor
34 vehicle in a manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians,
35 cyclists, skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-
36 motorized vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to,
37 passing a cyclist on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes,
38 navigating intersections with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a
39 vehicle without endangering pedestrians and cyclists, and the
40 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall
41 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a
42 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
43 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
44 and following another vehicle too closely, after consultation with
45 the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the
46 Department of Law and Public Safety.

47 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
48 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the

1 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"
2 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on
3 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs
4 or tissues pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

5 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
6 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
7 dangers of failing to comply with this State's motor vehicle traffic
8 laws and the "STOP for Nikhil Safety Pledge" set forth in
9 subsection e. of R.S.39:3-41.

10 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
11 include questions concerning the dangers of carbon monoxide
12 poisoning from motor vehicles and techniques for the safe operation
13 and proper maintenance of a motor vehicle.

14 Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor
15 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the
16 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by
17 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's
18 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a
19 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.
20 An applicant for a permit or license who is under 18 years of age,
21 and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile issued
22 by another state or country that is valid or has expired within a time
23 period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the permit
24 and license requirements and penalties applicable to State permit
25 and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if the
26 other state or country has permit or license standards substantially
27 similar to those of this State, the credentials of the other state or
28 country shall be acceptable.

29 The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers
30 covering the following classifications:

31 a. Motorcycles, except that for the purposes of this section,
32 motorcycle shall not include any three-wheeled motor vehicle
33 equipped with a single cab with glazing enclosing the occupant,
34 seats similar to those of a passenger vehicle or truck, seat belts and
35 automotive steering or any vehicle defined as a motorcycle pursuant
36 to R.S.39:1-1 having a motor with a maximum piston displacement
37 that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor that is rated at no
38 more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed of no more
39 than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

40 b. Omnibuses as classified by R.S.39:3-10.1 and school buses
41 classified under N.J.S.18A:39-1 et seq.

42 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.28)

43 d. All motor vehicles not included in classifications a. and b. A
44 license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
45 as the "basic driver's license" and may be issued as a standard basic
46 driver's license or a REAL ID basic driver's license.

47 Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be a
48 holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under

1 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the person's basic
2 driver's license.

3 A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately, but
4 if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
5 endorsement on the person's basic driver's license. The holder of a
6 basic driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall
7 be authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a
8 maximum piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters
9 or a motor that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a
10 maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

11 The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it or a
12 person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is satisfied
13 of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its discretion, issue
14 a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle. The license shall
15 authorize the person to drive any registered vehicle, of the kind or
16 kinds indicated.

17 The license shall expire, except as otherwise provided, during the
18 fourth calendar year following the date in which the license was
19 issued and on the same calendar day as the person's date of birth. If
20 the person's date of birth does not correspond to a calendar day of
21 the fourth calendar year, the license shall expire on the last day of
22 the person's birth month.

23 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
24 issue licenses that expire on a date fixed by it. If the commission
25 issues a REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle
26 license to a person who has demonstrated authorization to be
27 present in the United States for a period of time shorter than the
28 standard period of the license, the commission shall fix the
29 expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in which
30 the person is authorized to be present in the United States under
31 federal immigration laws. The commission may renew the person's
32 REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle license
33 only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued presence in the
34 United States is authorized under federal law. The fee for licenses
35 with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall be fixed by the
36 commission in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fee
37 herein established.

38 The required fee for a license for the license period shall be as
39 follows, subject to adjustment pursuant to section 16 of P.L.2007,
40 c.335 (C.39:2A-36.1):

41 Standard motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

42 REAL ID motorcycle license: \$29.

43 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

44 Standard basic driver's license: \$18.

45 REAL ID basic driver's license: \$29.

46 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for the issuance
47 of omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
48 commission's satisfaction that the applicant will use the omnibus

1 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
2 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
3 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes; and
4 licenses for persons who are recipients of the Purple Heart medal,
5 or its successor military honor, for that person's service in the
6 Armed Forces of the United States.

7 The commission shall issue licenses for the following license
8 period on and after the first day of the calendar month immediately
9 preceding the commencement of the period, the licenses to be
10 effective immediately.

11 All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
12 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
13 procedures established by it.

14 The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a permit or
15 license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its estimation,
16 not a proper person to be granted a permit or license, but a defect of
17 the applicant shall not debar the applicant from receiving a permit
18 or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
19 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
20 operating a motor vehicle.

21 A person issued a basic driver's license pursuant to this section
22 may be issued a standard basic driver's license or a REAL ID basic
23 driver's license. The chief administrator shall require an applicant
24 for a standard basic driver's license to provide as proof of the
25 applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
26 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
27 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
28 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
29 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
30 applicant for the standard basic driver's license shall be the same for
31 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
32 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
33 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
34 remain in effect.

35 In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
36 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
37 shall require the applicant to provide:

38 (1) as a condition for obtaining a permit and standard basic
39 driver's license, proof of the person's social security number and
40 one document providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a
41 New Jersey resident. If the person does not have a social security
42 number, the person shall either:

43 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
44 Identification Number; or

45 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
46 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o
47 et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
48 number; or

1 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID basic driver's
2 license: two documents providing satisfactory proof that the
3 applicant is a New Jersey resident; proof of the applicant's social
4 security number or verification of ineligibility for a social security
5 number in accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-
6 13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
7 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the applicant's
8 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

9 A standard basic driver's license shall indicate that the license
10 shall not be accepted as identification for an official purpose, as that
11 term is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13,
12 any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
13 regulations adopted thereunder.

14 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
15 document presented by an applicant pursuant to this section is
16 altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the commission shall refuse to
17 grant the permit or license until the time when the document may be
18 verified by the issuing agency to the commission's satisfaction.

19 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
20 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
21 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
22 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
23 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
24 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
25 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
26 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
27 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
28 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
29 technical error by the commission.

30 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or extend the
31 expiration of any license issued prior to the date this amendatory
32 and supplementary act becomes operative.

33 Any documents and personal information, including an
34 applicant's photograph, obtained by the commission from an
35 applicant for a standard basic driver's license or standard
36 motorcycle license shall be confidential, shall not be considered a
37 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
38 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
39 access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the
40 commission for any purpose related to Title 8 of the United States
41 Code without the informed consent of the applicant, a warrant
42 signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful court order or
43 subpoena; except that nothing in this section shall be construed to
44 prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action where such prohibition
45 or restriction would be contrary to federal law. When responding to
46 a warrant, court order, or subpoena, the commission may disclose
47 only those records or information specifically requested in the
48 warrant, court order, or subpoena.

1 Possession of a standard basic driver's license or standard
2 motorcycle license issued pursuant to this section shall not be
3 considered evidence of an individual's citizenship or immigration
4 status and shall not be used as a basis for an investigation, arrest,
5 citation, prosecution, or detention.

6 Information regarding an applicant's Individual Tax
7 Identification Number, social security number, or ineligibility to
8 receive a social security number obtained by the commission for the
9 issuance of a standard motorcycle license or standard basic driver's
10 license pursuant to this section, shall not be considered a
11 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
12 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
13 access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the
14 commission except where: (1) required by section 11 of P.L.1998,
15 c.1 (C.2A:17-56.60); (2) the applicant provides written informed
16 consent to the disclosure; (3) the requesting entity presents a
17 warrant signed by a State or federal judge, a lawful court order, or a
18 subpoena; (4) required by State or federal law, and to the extent that
19 the disclosure may be necessary to permit the State to participate in
20 the National Driver Register program, as set forth in 49 U.S.C.
21 s.30301 et seq.; or (5) the disclosure is in connection with an audit
22 or investigation of identity fraud, driver's license fraud, or non-
23 driver identification card fraud.

24 As used in this section:

25 "Parking sensors" means proximity sensors which use either
26 electromagnetic or ultrasonic technology and are designed to alert
27 the driver to obstacles while parking.

28 "Rear visibility system" means devices or components installed
29 on a motor vehicle at the time of manufacture that allow a forward
30 facing driver to view a visual image of the area directly behind the
31 vehicle.

32 (cf: P.L.2019, c.271, s.8)

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34 2. Section 1 of P.L.1948, c.28 (C.39:3-27.1) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 1. **【No】** A fee shall not be charged for the registration, in any
37 year or years, of one motor vehicle of passenger type, which is not
38 to be used for hire, owned by any resident of the State of New
39 Jersey, individually or jointly with a spouse**【;】** , who:

40 (1) **【who】** is eligible for compensation pursuant to R.S. 38:18-1,
41 R.S.38:18-2, and R.S.38:18-3【,】 ;

42 (2) **【who】** has qualified or shall qualify under the provisions of
43 Public Law 663-79th Congress of the United States of America
44 (August 8, 1946) or of Public Law 187--82nd Congress of the
45 United States of America (October 20, 1951) or who is a veteran of
46 World War I with service-connected disabilities of the kind set forth
47 in **【said】** those Public Laws, and who is the holder of a current

1 driver's license issued by this State, if such motor vehicle is
 2 equipped with such special attachments and devices as the
 3 **【Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of**
 4 **Law and Public Safety】** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
 5 Motor Vehicle Commission may deem necessary to provide for the
 6 safe operation thereof by such person**【, or】** ;

7 (3) **【who】** is the holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor,
 8 which registration shall be evidenced by distinctive license plates of
 9 a design approved by the **【Director of the Division of Motor**
 10 **Vehicles】** chief administrator; or

11 (4) who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or its successor
 12 military honor, for that person's service in the Armed Forces of the
 13 United States.

14 (cf: P.L.1979, c.122, s.1)

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 16 3. Section 6 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.7) is amended to read
 17 as follows:

18 6. a. The chief administrator shall charge fees as follows:

19 Standard Identification Card, Original \$18

20 Identification Card, Duplicate \$5

21 Identification Card, Renewal \$18

22 REAL ID Identification Card \$29

23 Digitized photograph \$6, in addition to the
 24 fees required above

25 b. The chief administrator **【may】** shall waive the fees
 26 established under subsection a. of this section for:

27 (1) a person who is homeless who submits proof of temporary
 28 residence through a social worker or the coordinator of an
 29 emergency shelter for the homeless where the person is temporarily
 30 residing.

31 On or before December 31 of each year, the commission shall
 32 report to the Office of Homelessness Prevention in the Department
 33 of Community Affairs an accounting of each instance in which the
 34 commission provided a fee waiver pursuant to this section.

35 For the purposes of this section, "person who is homeless" means
 36 a person without a domicile who is unable to secure permanent and
 37 stable housing as determined by a social worker or the coordinator
 38 of an emergency shelter for the homeless established pursuant to
 39 P.L.1985, c.48 (C.55:13C-1 et seq.); and

40 (2) a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or its
 41 successor military honor, for that person's service in the Armed
 42 Forces of the United States.

43 c. The chief administrator may waive the fee imposed for a
 44 duplicate identification card if the applicant, at the time of
 45 application: is applying for a REAL ID identification card, as that
 46 term is defined in R.S.39:1-1; currently holds a valid identification
 47 card issued by the commission; and is not eligible to renew the

1 applicant's current identification card. The chief administrator's
2 authority to waive the duplicate identification card fee under this
3 subsection shall expire on October 1, 2020. In order to receive a
4 REAL ID identification card pursuant to this subsection, the
5 applicant shall first surrender to the commission the applicant's
6 current identification card.
7 (cf: P.L.2019, c.271, s.18)

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9 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
10 month after enactment, but the Chief Administrator of the New
11 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take such administrative
12 action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of
13 this act.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill exempts from motor vehicle registration fees one
19 passenger motor vehicle owned by any resident who is a recipient
20 of the Purple Heart, or its successor military honor. The bill also
21 exempts Purple Heart recipients from driver's license and
22 identification card fees.