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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to provide written knowledge examination online during COVID-19 public health emergency and state of emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** requiring the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to
2 provide the written knowledge examination online during the
3 COVID-19 public health emergency and state of emergency.

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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. During the public health emergency and state of emergency
9 declared on March 9, 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive
10 Order No. 103 and extended, where applicable, by subsequent
11 executive orders and notwithstanding the provision of any other
12 law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Motor
13 Vehicle Commission shall:

14 a. allow an applicant for a special learner's permit or
15 examination permit to complete the written driver's license
16 knowledge examination, which is required to be successfully
17 completed for the issuance of a special learner's permit or
18 examination permit pursuant to R.S.39:3-10, through a secure
19 Internet website operated by the commission;

20 b. (1) require an applicant who is 18 years of age or older and
21 is completing the written knowledge examination through a secure
22 Internet website operated by the commission to certify that the
23 applicant did not utilize any reference materials, including but not
24 limited to the New Jersey Driver's Manual, published and made
25 available pursuant to R.S.39:3-41, or receive assistance from
26 another individual while completing the examination; and

27 (2) require a parent or guardian of an applicant who is under 18
28 years of age and is completing the written knowledge examination
29 through a secure Internet website operated by the commission to
30 certify that the parent or guardian was present while the applicant
31 completed the examination and that the applicant did not utilize any
32 reference materials, including but not limited to the New Jersey
33 Driver's Manual, published and made available pursuant to
34 R.S.39:3-41, or receive assistance from another individual while
35 completing the examination, including the parent or guardian.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
38 31st day following the rescission by the Governor of Executive
39 Order No. 103 of 2020 and any subsequent executive orders
40 extending the public health emergency; or, in the absence of a
41 rescission by the Governor, on the 31st day following the
42 termination in any other manner of the declared state of emergency
43 and public health emergency.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to provide the written driver's license knowledge examination on a secure Internet website during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency and state of emergency and for 30 days after the termination of the COVID-19 public health emergency and state of emergency.

The bill requires the commission to allow an applicant for a special learner's permit or examination permit to complete the written driver's license knowledge examination through a secure Internet website operated by the commission.

An applicant who is 18 years of age or older and the parent or guardian of an applicant who is under 18 years of age are required to certify that the applicant did not utilize any reference materials, including but not limited to the New Jersey Driver's Manual, or receive assistance from another individual while completing the online written driver's license knowledge examination. A parent or guardian of an applicant who is under 18 years of age is also required to certify that the parent or guardian was present but did not provide assistance while the applicant completed the online examination.

The provisions of the bill are to expire on the 31st day following the rescission by the Governor of Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and any subsequent executive orders extending the public health emergency; or, in the absence of a rescission by the Governor, on the 31st day following the termination in any other manner of the declared state of emergency and public health emergency.