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SYNOPSIS

Allows individuals that have undergone certain background checks, including individuals with certain commercial driver license endorsements, to renew license online or by mail.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the renewal of certain driver licenses 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. An individual possessing a valid driver license pursuant to
8 the provisions of R.S.39:3-10 and valid commercial driver license
9 pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Commercial Driver
10 License Act,” P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.) who also
11 possesses either a federal Transportation Worker Identification
12 Credential, issued by the federal Transportation Security
13 Administration; or a commercial driver license endorsement for the
14 transport of hazardous materials, which includes fingerprinting and
15 background check requirements to be conducted by federal
16 Transportation Security Administration, shall be allowed to renew
17 the individual’s existing driver license and commercial driver
18 license as a REAL-ID compliant version of each of those licenses
19 by mail or through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
20 Internet website and shall not be required to renew in-person at a
21 commission agency.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill permits individuals with a valid driver license and
29 commercial driver license who also have either: 1) a federal
30 Transportation Worker Identification Credential issued by the
31 Transportation Security Administration (TSA); or 2) an
32 endorsement to transport hazardous materials with a required TSA
33 fingerprinting and background check, to renew their licenses into
34 REAL-ID compliant versions by mail or the New Jersey Motor
35 Vehicle Commission (MVC) Internet website, and not in-person at
36 an MVC agency.

37 These individuals have already met federal REAL ID
38 requirements as a result of having acquired certain federal TSA
39 documents with requirements that are equal to or greater than
40 REAL ID standards. As a result, it is reasonable to allow these
41 individuals to renew their licenses as REAL ID versions without
42 having to do so in person, given the lengthy wait times for in-
43 person appointments to conduct REAL ID license transactions at
44 this moment in time.