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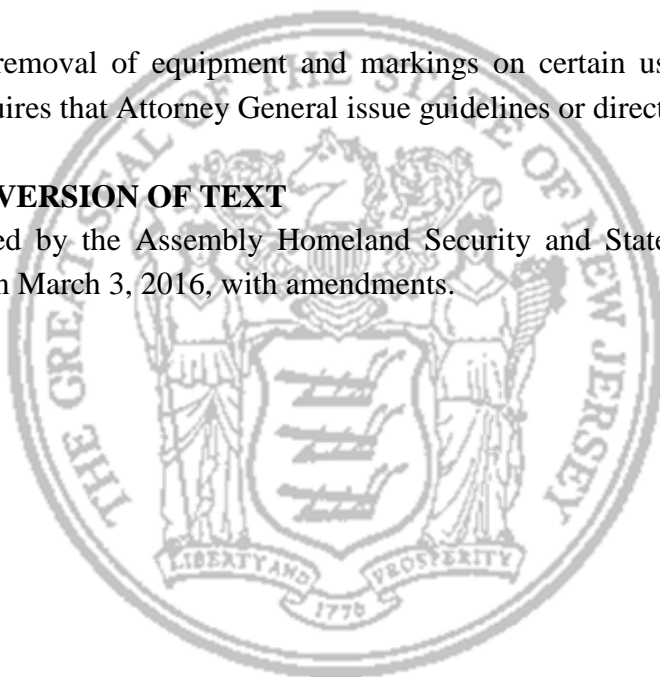
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines or directives.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee on March 3, 2016, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning used authorized emergency vehicles 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. a. For the purposes of this section:

8 “Equipment” shall include, but not be limited to, <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> handheld  
9 **1**[spotlights] spotlight<sup>1</sup> affixed to <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> side **1**[mirrors] mirror<sup>1</sup>,  
10 **1**[antennas] an antenna<sup>1</sup> used for emergency response  
11 communication equipment, <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> mobile vision and mobile data  
12 **1**[terminals] terminal<sup>1</sup>, **1**[sirens] a siren<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> strobe **1**[lights]  
13 light<sup>1</sup>, or any other light with optional strobe functions typically  
14 used on an authorized emergency vehicle;

15 “Marking” shall include, but not be limited to, **1**[any] a<sup>1</sup> decal,  
16 insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a  
17 State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged  
18 in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical  
19 transportation; and

20 “Siren” shall include, but not be limited to, an adjustment to the  
21 standard horn in a steering wheel.

22 b. **1**[Prior] Except as provided by subsection c. of this section,  
23 prior<sup>1</sup> to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency vehicle as  
24 defined in R.S.39:1-1, to a person or an entity other than a State or  
25 municipal agency; **1**[any] a<sup>1</sup> government entity engaged in law  
26 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a  
27 volunteer fire company, a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue  
28 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles;  
29 or a non-governmental emergency service provider, any equipment  
30 or marking that would identify the vehicle as an authorized  
31 emergency vehicle shall be removed.

32 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this  
33 section, removal of equipment or marking is not required prior to  
34 sale or transfer if the authorized emergency vehicle:

35 (1) is excepted from registration pursuant to the provisions of  
36 R.S.39:3-1; or

37 (2) meets the criteria to be registered as an historic vehicle  
38 pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1964, c.95 (C.39:3-  
39 27.4).

40 d.<sup>1</sup> The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives for  
41 the enforcement of this act.

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

1       <sup>1</sup>2. Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       1. As used in **[this act]** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.):  
4       "Chief administrator" means the Chief Administrator of the New  
5 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

6       "Historic motor vehicle" **[shall mean]** means any motor vehicle  
7 which is :

8       (1) at least 25 years old [and which is] ;

9       (2) owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition  
10 and educational purposes by the owner;

11       **["Director" shall mean the Director of Motor Vehicles]** and

12       (3) unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in  
13 the case of an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in  
14 R.S.39:1-1, if an alteration was completed in order for the vehicle to  
15 operate as an emergency vehicle.<sup>1</sup>

16 (cf: P.L.1964, c.195, s.1)

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18       <sup>1</sup>3. Section 2 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.4) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20       2. **[Any]** An owner of an historic motor vehicle who is a  
21 resident of this State may register **[such]** the motor vehicle under  
22 the provisions of **[this act]** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.).  
23 Application for registering an historic vehicle shall be on forms  
24 prescribed by the **[director]** chief administrator. Upon proper  
25 application and payment of the prescribed fee, the **[director]** chief  
26 administrator shall issue a special nonconventional registration and  
27 special license plate for each historic motor vehicle registered in  
28 this State. **[Such]** The registration and license plate shall be valid  
29 during the period of time that the vehicle is owned by the registrant.  
30 The fee for **[such]** the registration and license plate shall be  
31 **[\$25.00]** \$25. The license plate shall bear the word "historic" and  
32 shall be of such design and colors as the **[director]** chief  
33 administrator may determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
34 R.S.39:3-33 or any other law to the contrary, an owner of a vehicle  
35 registered as an historic vehicle, or any vehicle manufactured before  
36 1945, shall not be required to display more than one special license  
37 plate issued for that vehicle, which plate shall be displayed on the  
38 rear of the vehicle.<sup>1</sup>

39 (cf: P.L.1999, c.305, s.1)

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41       <sup>1</sup>**[2.] 4.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth  
42 month following enactment, except the Attorney General may take  
43 any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be  
44 necessary for the implementation of this act.