

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 259, *approved January 8, 2018*

Assembly, No. 856 (*First Reprint*)

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, ¹a¹ handheld
9 **1**[spotlights] spotlight¹ affixed to ¹a¹ side **1**[mirrors] mirror¹,
10 **1**[antennas] an antenna¹ used for emergency response
11 communication equipment, ¹a¹ mobile vision and mobile data
12 **1**[terminals] terminal¹, **1**[sirens] a siren¹, ¹a¹ strobe **1**[lights]
13 light¹, 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] a¹ 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 prior¹ 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] a¹ 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. 1¹Notwithstanding 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

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:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

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

4 d.¹ The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives for
5 the enforcement of this act.

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7 ¹2. Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. As used in **【this act】** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.):

10 "Chief administrator" means the Chief Administrator of the New
11 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

12 "Historic motor vehicle" **【shall mean】** means any motor vehicle
13 which is :

14 (1) at least 25 years old **【and which is】** :

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

17 **【"Director" shall mean the Director of Motor Vehicles】** and

18 (3) unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in
19 the case of an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in
20 R.S.39:1-1, if an alteration was completed in order for the vehicle to
21 operate as an emergency vehicle.¹

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

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24 ¹3. Section 2 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.4) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 2. **【Any】** An owner of an historic motor vehicle who is a
27 resident of this State may register **【such】** the motor vehicle under
28 the provisions of **【this act】** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.).
29 Application for registering an historic vehicle shall be on forms
30 prescribed by the **【director】** chief administrator. Upon proper
31 application and payment of the prescribed fee, the **【director】** chief
32 administrator shall issue a special nonconventional registration and
33 special license plate for each historic motor vehicle registered in
34 this State. **【Such】** The registration and license plate shall be valid
35 during the period of time that the vehicle is owned by the registrant.
36 The fee for **【such】** the registration and license plate shall be
37 **【\$25.00】** \$25. The license plate shall bear the word "historic" and
38 shall be of such design and colors as the **【director】** chief
39 administrator may determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of
40 R.S.39:3-33 or any other law to the contrary, an owner of a vehicle
41 registered as an historic vehicle, or any vehicle manufactured before
42 1945, shall not be required to display more than one special license
43 plate issued for that vehicle, which plate shall be displayed on the
44 rear of the vehicle.¹

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

1 ¹~~2.~~ 4.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth
2 month following enactment, except the Attorney General may take
3 any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be
4 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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