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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies extension of driver's license, identification card, and motor vehicle registration expiration dates for certain military personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the expiration dates for certain motor vehicle
2 documents and amending various parts of statutory law.

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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. R.S.39:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-4. Except as hereinafter provided, every resident of this
9 State and every nonresident whose automobile or motorcycle shall
10 be driven in this State shall, before using the vehicle on the public
11 highways, register the same, and an automobile or motorcycle shall
12 not be driven unless so registered.

13 Registration shall be made in the following manner: An
14 application in writing, signed by the applicant or by an agent or
15 officer, in case the applicant is a corporation, shall be made to the
16 chief administrator or the chief administrator's agent, on forms
17 prepared and supplied by the chief administrator, containing the
18 name, street address of the residence or the business of the owner,
19 mailing address, if different from the street address of the owner's
20 residence or business, and age of the owner, together with a
21 description of the character of the automobile or motorcycle,
22 including the name of the maker and the vehicle identification
23 number, or the manufacturer's number or the number assigned by
24 the chief administrator if the vehicle does not have a vehicle
25 identification number, and any other statement that may be required
26 by the chief administrator. A post office box shall appear on the
27 application only as part of a mailing address that is submitted by the
28 owner, agent or officer, as the case may be, in addition to the street
29 address of the applicant's residence or business; provided, however,
30 the chief administrator, upon application, shall permit a person who
31 was a victim of a violation of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209
32 (C.2C:12-10), N.J.S.2C:14-2, or P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et
33 seq.), or who the chief administrator otherwise determines to have
34 good cause, to use as a mailing address a post office box, an address
35 other than the applicant's address or other contact point. An owner
36 whose last address appears on the records of the commission as a
37 post office box shall change the owner's address on the owner's
38 application for renewal to the street address of the owner's
39 residence or business and, if different from the owner's street
40 address, the owner's mailing address unless the chief administrator
41 has determined, pursuant to this section, that the owner may use a
42 post office box, an address other than the owner's address or other
43 contact point as a mailing address. The application shall contain the
44 name of the insurer of the vehicle and the policy number. If the
45 vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the application shall make note of

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 that fact and shall include along with the name and street address of
2 the lessor the name, street address, and driver license number of the
3 lessee.

4 Thereupon the chief administrator shall have the power to grant a
5 registration certificate to the owner of any motor vehicle, if over 17
6 years of age, application for the registration having been properly
7 made and the fee therefor paid, and the vehicle being of a type that
8 complies with the requirements of this Title. The form and contents
9 of the registration certificate to be issued shall be determined by the
10 chief administrator.

11 If the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the registration
12 certificate shall, in addition to containing the name and street
13 address of the lessor, identify the vehicle as a leased motor vehicle.

14 The chief administrator shall maintain a record of all registration
15 certificates issued, and of the contents thereof.

16 Every registration shall expire and the registration certificate
17 thereof become void on the registrant's numerical calendar day of
18 birth in the 12th calendar month following the calendar month in
19 which the certificate was issued; except that the registration shall
20 expire on the last day of the 12th calendar month following the
21 calendar month in which the certificate was issued if the numerical
22 calendar day of the registrant's birth does not correspond to a
23 numerical calendar day in that month or if the vehicle is a leased
24 motor vehicle.

25 The chief administrator may, at the chief administrator's
26 discretion, require registrations which shall expire, and issue
27 certificates thereof which shall become void, on a date fixed by
28 him, which date shall not be sooner than three months nor later than
29 26 months after the date of issuance of the certificates, and the fees
30 for the registrations, including any other fees or charges collected in
31 connection with the registration fee, shall be fixed by the chief
32 administrator in amounts proportionately less or greater than the
33 fees established by law. The chief administrator may fix the
34 expiration date for registration certificates at a date other than 12
35 months if the chief administrator determines that the change is
36 necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in
37 implementing the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of
38 Title 39 or for other good cause. The chief administrator may, for
39 good cause extend a registration beyond the expiration date that
40 appears upon the registration certificate for periods not to exceed 12
41 additional months. The chief administrator may extend the
42 expiration date of a registration without payment of a proportionate
43 fee when the chief administrator determines that the extension is
44 necessary for good cause. If any registration is so extended, the
45 owner shall pay upon renewal the full registration fee for the period
46 fixed by the chief administrator as if no extension had been granted.

47 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
48 every registration for new passenger automobiles shall expire and

1 the registration certificate shall become void on the registrant's
2 numerical calendar day of birth in the 48th calendar month
3 following the calendar month in which the certificate was initially
4 issued; except that the registration shall expire on the last day of the
5 48th calendar month following the calendar month in which the
6 certificate was initially issued if the numerical calendar day of the
7 registrant's birth does not correspond to a numerical calendar day in
8 that month, unless the registrant is an active duty member of any
9 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a person in the
10 member's immediate family, in which case the registration shall
11 remain valid beyond the expiration date, in accordance with the
12 provisions of section 1 of P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a).

13 On and after February 1, 2005, the provisions of this paragraph
14 shall not apply to new passenger automobiles purchased by a rental
15 company for use as rental passenger automobiles. As used in this
16 paragraph, "rental company" means a person engaged in the
17 business of renting motor vehicles; and "rental passenger
18 automobile" means a passenger automobile that is rented without a
19 driver and used in the transportation of persons or property other
20 than commercial freight.

21 If the new passenger automobile being registered is a leased
22 passenger automobile, the registration shall expire in accordance
23 with the term of the lease. If the term of the lease extends beyond
24 one or more 12-month periods by one or more months, the
25 registration period shall be based upon the full year into which one
26 or more of the months extend; provided, however, the registration
27 period for a leased automobile shall not exceed 48 months.

28 Following the 48-month period of the initial registration of a new
29 passenger automobile, the subsequent registration shall expire, and
30 the registration certificate shall become void, on the registrant's
31 numerical calendar day of birth in the 12th calendar month
32 following the calendar month in which the certificate was next
33 issued; except that the registration shall expire on the last day of the
34 12th calendar month following the calendar month in which the
35 certificate was next issued if the numerical calendar day of the
36 registrant's birth does not correspond to a numerical calendar day in
37 that month, unless the registrant is an active duty member of any
38 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a person in the
39 member's immediate family, in which case the registration shall
40 remain valid beyond the expiration date, in accordance with the
41 provisions of section 1 of P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a).

42 All motorcycles for which registrations have been issued prior to
43 the effective date of P.L.1989, c.167 and which are scheduled to
44 expire between November 1 and March 31 shall, upon renewal, be
45 issued registrations by the chief administrator which shall expire on
46 a date fixed by him, but in no case shall that expiration date be
47 earlier than April 30 nor later than October 31. The fees for the
48 renewal of the motorcycle registrations authorized under this

1 paragraph shall be fixed by the chief administrator in an amount
2 proportionately less or greater than the fee established by R.S.39:3-
3 21.

4 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for passenger
5 automobiles shall be sent to the last addresses of owners of motor
6 vehicles and motorcycles, as they appear on the records of the
7 commission.

8 A person owning or having control over any unregistered vehicle
9 shall not permit the same to be parked or to stand on a public
10 highway.

11 Any police officer is authorized to remove any unregistered
12 vehicle from the public highway to a storage space or garage, and
13 the expense involved in the removal and storing of the vehicle shall
14 be borne by the owner of the vehicle, except that the expense shall
15 be borne by the lessee of a leased vehicle.

16 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
17 subject to a fine not exceeding \$100, except that for the
18 misstatement of any fact in the application required to be made to
19 the chief administrator, the person making the statement or omitting
20 the statement that the motor vehicle is to be used as a leased motor
21 vehicle when that is the case shall be subject to the penalties
22 provided in R.S.39:3-37.

23 The chief administrator may extend the expiration date of a
24 registration certificate without payment of a proportionate fee when
25 the chief administrator determines that the extension is necessary,
26 appropriate or convenient to the implementation of vehicle
27 inspection requirements. If any registration certificate is so
28 extended, the owner shall pay upon renewal the full registration fee
29 for the period fixed by the chief administrator as if no extension had
30 been granted.

31 The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall make a
32 reasonable effort to notify any lessor whose name and address is on
33 file with the commission, or any other lessor the commission may
34 determine it is necessary to notify, of the requirements of this
35 amendatory act.

36 A lessor doing business in this State shall notify in writing the
37 lessee of a motor vehicle registered pursuant to this Title of any
38 change in its policies or procedures affecting the registration of the
39 motor vehicle.

40 (cf: P.L.2017, c.217, s.1).

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42 2. R.S.39:3-10 is amended to read as follows:

43 39:3-10. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public
44 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while
45 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to
46 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a
47 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to
48 that person in accordance with this article.

1 A person under 18 years of age shall not be issued a basic license
2 to drive motor vehicles, and a person shall not be issued a validated
3 permit, including a validated examination permit, until the applicant
4 has passed a satisfactory examination and other requirements as to
5 the applicant's ability as an operator. The examination shall
6 include: a test of the applicant's vision; the applicant's ability to
7 understand traffic control devices; the applicant's knowledge of safe
8 driving practices, including the dangers of driving a vehicle in an
9 aggressive manner, which shall include, but not be limited to,
10 unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or
11 erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices,
12 failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too
13 closely; the applicant's knowledge of operating a motor vehicle in a
14 manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians, cyclists,
15 skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-motorized
16 vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to, passing a cyclist
17 on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes, navigating intersections
18 with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a vehicle without
19 endangering pedestrians and cyclists; the applicant's knowledge of
20 the effects that ingestion of alcohol or drugs has on a person's
21 ability to operate a motor vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of the
22 dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles and
23 techniques for the safe operation and proper maintenance of a motor
24 vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of portions of the mechanism of
25 motor vehicles as is necessary to insure the safe operation of a
26 vehicle of the kind or kinds indicated by the applicant; and the
27 applicant's knowledge of the laws and ordinary usages of the road.

28 A person shall not sit for an examination for any permit without
29 exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable by the
30 commission, unless that person is a high school student
31 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved
32 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,
33 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of
34 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1). The commission may waive the
35 written law knowledge examination for any person 18 years of age
36 or older possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state,
37 the District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of
38 American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. The
39 commission shall be required to provide that person with a booklet
40 that highlights those motor vehicle laws unique to New Jersey. A
41 road test shall be required for a probationary license and serve as a
42 demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a vehicle of the
43 class designated. During the road test, an applicant may use a rear
44 visibility system, parking sensors, or other technology installed on
45 the motor vehicle that enables the applicant to view areas directly
46 behind the vehicle or alerts the applicant of obstacles while parking.

47 A person shall not sit for a road test unless that person exhibits
48 photo identification deemed acceptable by the commission. A high

1 school student who has completed a course of behind-the-wheel
2 automobile driving education approved by the State Department of
3 Education and conducted in a public, parochial, or private school of
4 this State, who has been issued a special learner's permit pursuant to
5 section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1) prior to January 1, 2003,
6 shall not be required to exhibit photo identification in order to sit
7 for a road test. The commission may waive the road test for any
8 person 18 years of age or older possessing a valid driver's license
9 issued by any other state, the District of Columbia, or the United
10 States Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the
11 Virgin Islands. The road test shall be given on public streets, where
12 practicable and feasible, but may be preceded by an off-street
13 screening process to assess basic skills. The commission shall
14 approve locations for the road test which pose no more than a
15 minimal risk of injury to the applicant, the examiner, and other
16 motorists. New locations for the road test shall not be approved
17 unless the test can be given on public streets.

18 A person who successfully completes a road test for a
19 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a
20 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of
21 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license
22 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of the vehicles to
23 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic
24 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road
25 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when
26 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more
27 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or
28 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.
29 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle
30 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of
31 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a
32 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine
33 displacement.

34 The commission shall issue a basic driver's license to operate a
35 motor vehicle other than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of
36 age who previously has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle
37 in this State or another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1)
38 operated a passenger automobile in compliance with the
39 requirements of this Title for not less than one year, not including
40 any period of suspension or postponement, from the date of
41 issuance of a probationary license pursuant to section 4 of
42 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been assessed more than two
43 motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted in the previous year for
44 a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-
45 50.4a), section 1 of P.L.1992, c.189 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129,
46 N.J.S.2C:11-5, section 1 of P.L.2017, c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3),
47 subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other motor vehicle-related
48 violation the commission determines to be significant and

1 applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an examination of
2 the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this
3 section.

4 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination by
5 20 percent. The additional questions to be added shall consist solely
6 of questions developed in conjunction with the Department of
7 Health concerning the use of alcohol or drugs as related to highway
8 safety. The commission shall develop, in conjunction with the
9 Department of Health, supplements to the driver's manual which
10 shall include information necessary to answer any question on the
11 driver's license examination concerning alcohol or drugs as related
12 to highway safety.

13 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects
14 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance
15 to youthful drivers, including the importance of operating a motor
16 vehicle in a manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians,
17 cyclists, skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-
18 motorized vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to,
19 passing a cyclist on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes,
20 navigating intersections with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a
21 vehicle without endangering pedestrians and cyclists, and the
22 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall
23 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a
24 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
25 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
26 and following another vehicle too closely, after consultation with
27 the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the
28 Department of Law and Public Safety.

29 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
30 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
31 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"
32 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on
33 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs
34 or tissues pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

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

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

44 Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor
45 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the
46 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by
47 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's
48 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a

1 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.
2 An applicant for a permit or license who is less than 18 years of
3 age, and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile
4 issued by another state or country that is valid or has expired within
5 a time period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the
6 permit and license requirements and penalties applicable to State
7 permit and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if
8 the other state or country has permit or license standards
9 substantially similar to those of this State, the credentials of the
10 other state or country shall be acceptable.

11 The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers
12 covering the following classifications:

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

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

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

25 d. All motor vehicles not included in classifications a. and b. A
26 license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
27 as the "basic driver's license."

28 Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be a
29 holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under
30 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the basic driver's
31 license.

32 A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately, but
33 if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
34 endorsement on the basic driver's license. The holder of a basic
35 driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall be
36 authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a maximum
37 piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor
38 that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum
39 speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

40 The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it or a
41 person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is satisfied
42 of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its discretion, issue
43 a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle. The license shall
44 authorize the person to drive any registered vehicle, of the kind or
45 kinds indicated.

46 The license shall expire, except as provided by section 1 of
47 P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a) or as otherwise provided, during
48 the fourth calendar year following the date in which the license was

1 issued and on the same calendar day as the person's date of birth. If
2 the person's date of birth does not correspond to a calendar day of
3 the fourth calendar year, the license shall expire on the last day of
4 the person's birth month.

5 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
6 issue licenses which shall expire on a date fixed by it. If the
7 commission issues a license to a person who has demonstrated
8 authorization to be present in the United States for a period of time
9 shorter than the standard period of the license, the commission shall
10 fix the expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in
11 which the person is authorized to be present in the United States
12 under federal immigration laws. The commission may renew the
13 license only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued
14 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. The
15 fee for licenses with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall
16 be fixed by the commission in amounts proportionately less or
17 greater than the fee herein established.

18 The required fee for a license for the license period shall be as
19 follows:

20 Motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

21 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

22 Basic driver's license: \$18.

23 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of
24 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
25 commission's satisfaction that the applicant will use the omnibus
26 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
27 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
28 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

29 The commission shall issue licenses for the following license
30 period on and after the first day of the calendar month immediately
31 preceding the commencement of the period, the licenses to be
32 effective immediately.

33 All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
34 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
35 procedures established by it.

36 The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a permit or
37 license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its estimation,
38 not a proper person to be granted a permit or license, but a defect of
39 the applicant shall not debar the applicant from receiving a permit
40 or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
41 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
42 operating a motor vehicle.

43 In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
44 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
45 shall require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining a
46 permit and license, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence
47 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

1 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
2 document presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age, or
3 legal residency is altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the
4 commission shall refuse to grant the permit or license until the time
5 when the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the
6 commission's satisfaction.

7 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
8 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
9 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
10 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
11 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
12 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
13 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
14 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
15 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
16 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
17 technical error by the commission.

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

21 As used in this section:

22 "Parking sensors" means proximity sensors which use either
23 electromagnetic or ultrasonic technology and are designed to alert
24 the driver to obstacles while parking.

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

29 (cf: P.L.2017, c.374, s.1)

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31 3. Section 1 of P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the
34 contrary, any active duty member of any branch of the Armed
35 Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's
36 immediate family, may renew a driver's license, non-driver
37 identification card, or motor vehicle registration certificate during
38 the six months preceding the member's scheduled date of
39 deployment to a location outside of New Jersey.

40 b. The driver's license or non-driver identification card of any
41 active duty member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the
42 United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, or
43 the registration certificate of a motor vehicle registered to that
44 person, shall remain valid [upon demobilization or return from
45 duty, for a period of no more than 90 days] beyond the expiration
46 date until the earlier of the following dates: (1) 90 days after the
47 person who is a member of a branch of the Armed Forces of the
48 United States is discharged from military duty; or (2) 90 days after

1 the person's return to the State. The chief administrator shall
2 determine the appropriate documentation a person is required to
3 possess for the driver's license, non-driver identification card, or
4 motor vehicle registration to be deemed valid during this period.

5 c. A person renewing a driver's license, non-driver
6 identification card, or motor vehicle registration pursuant to this
7 section shall submit proof satisfactory to the chief administrator of
8 the member's deployment to a location outside of New Jersey.

9 d. As used in this act, "immediate family" means a spouse,
10 domestic partner, partner in a civil union, child, stepchild, or other
11 person under the legal guardianship of the active duty member of
12 the Armed Forces of the United States.

13 (cf: P.L.2015, c.299, s.1)

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15 4. Section 4 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.5) is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 4. a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this section or in
18 section 1 of P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a), each original
19 identification card authorized by section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47
20 (C.39:3-29.3) shall, unless canceled earlier or otherwise provided,
21 expire during the fourth calendar year following its date of issuance
22 and on the same calendar day as the person's date of birth. If the
23 date of birth of the bearer of the identification card does not
24 correspond to a calendar day of the fourth calendar year, the
25 identification card shall expire on the last day of the birth month of
26 the bearer of the card.

27 The identification card shall be renewable upon the request of
28 the bearer of the card, pursuant to terms of license renewal
29 established by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and
30 upon payment of a fee as required by section 6 of P.L.1980, c.47
31 (C.39:3-29.7). An identification card issued pursuant to P.L.1980,
32 c.47 (C.39:3-29.2 et seq.) to an applicant who is blind or who has a
33 disability shall be valid for the life of the holder unless canceled by
34 the holder. Cards issued prior to October 16, 1989 and valid upon
35 the effective date of P.L.1990, c.30 shall be valid for the life of the
36 holder unless canceled by the holder. Cards issued to persons with
37 blindness or disabilities between October 16, 1989 and the effective
38 date of P.L.1990, c.30, and which are valid on the effective date of
39 P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.2 et seq.), shall be made valid for the life
40 of the holder unless canceled by the holder, upon presentation of
41 proof that the person's blindness or disability existed at the time of
42 the original application. The chief administrator is authorized to
43 require periodic verification of information included on any
44 identification card issued for or valid for the life of the holder.
45 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or change any
46 expiration date on any New Jersey identification card issued prior to
47 the operative date of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4 et al.) and any
48 such identification card shall remain valid until its expiration date.

11 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.153)

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The bill clarifies that the driver's license, identification card, or motor vehicle registration certificate of any active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, is to remain valid beyond the expiration date until the earlier of the following dates: (1) 90 days after the person who is a member of the of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States is discharged from military duty; or (2) 90 days after the person's return to the State.

It is the sponsor's intent to clarify the law concerning the duty of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to active duty military personnel and their families as certain commission agencies and service locations have not properly provided service to active duty military personnel in accordance with the law or have misinterpreted the law's provisions to the detriment of active duty military personnel and their families while providing service.