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**SYNOPSIS**

Exempts certain individuals from vehicle registration and driver's license fees.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning vehicle registration and driver's license fees  
2 and amending R.S.39:3-8 and R.S.:3-10.

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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.39:3-8 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-8. The applicant for registration for any passenger  
9 automobile manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model  
10 year shall pay to the chief administrator for each registration a fee  
11 of \$14 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping  
12 weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$23 for each such vehicle  
13 having a manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more,  
14 but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$44 for each vehicle  
15 having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds;  
16 provided, however, an applicant who has been issued an  
17 identification card for a person with a disability pursuant to section  
18 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private  
19 passenger van manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971  
20 model year which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any  
21 other specially designed mechanical device for persons with  
22 disabilities as designated by the chief administrator that specifically  
23 requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the  
24 device's dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's  
25 installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$14 for that vehicle.  
26 The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile  
27 manufactured in model year 1971 and thereafter, except as  
28 determined hereinafter, shall pay to the chief administrator for each  
29 registration a fee of \$17 for each such vehicle having a  
30 manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of  
31 \$28 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight  
32 of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a  
33 fee of \$51 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping  
34 weight in excess of 3,800 pounds; provided, however, an applicant  
35 who has been issued an identification card for a person with a  
36 disability pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and  
37 is registering a private passenger van manufactured in model year  
38 1971 or thereafter, except as determined hereinafter, which has been  
39 equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any other specially designed  
40 mechanical device for persons with disabilities as designated by the  
41 chief administrator that specifically requires installation only in a  
42 private passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating  
43 characteristics, or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall  
44 pay a fee of \$17 for that vehicle. The applicant for registration for  
45 any 1980 or thereafter model year passenger automobile registered

**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 on or after March 1, 1979 shall pay to the chief administrator for  
2 each registration a fee of \$25 for each such vehicle having a  
3 manufacturer's shipping weight not greater than 3,500 pounds and a  
4 fee of \$50 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight  
5 in excess of 3,500 pounds; provided, however, an applicant who has  
6 been issued an identification card for a person with a disability  
7 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) and is  
8 registering any 1980 or thereafter model year private passenger van  
9 which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift, or any other  
10 specially designed mechanical device for persons with disabilities  
11 as designated by the chief administrator that specifically requires  
12 installation only in a private passenger van because of the device's  
13 dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's installation  
14 requirements, shall pay a fee of \$25 for that vehicle.  
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
16 applicant for registration for any new passenger automobile, for  
17 which the registration will expire on the last day of the 48th  
18 calendar month following the calendar month in which it was first  
19 issued, or for the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile  
20 is a leased motor vehicle subject to an extended registration period  
21 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4, shall prepay to the chief administrator the  
22 full amount due for the 48-month term, or the full amount due based  
23 upon the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile is a  
24 leased motor vehicle, upon the initial registration. The portion of  
25 that prepayment that is dedicated to specific purposes in accordance  
26 with section 110 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-38) and subsections a.  
27 and b. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.87 (C.39:3-8.2) shall be deposited  
28 in their respective dedicated accounts. The chief administrator shall  
29 determine the manufacturer's shipping weight and model year for  
30 each passenger automobile on the basis of the information  
31 contained in the certificate of origin, the application for registration  
32 or for renewal of registration, or the records of the division, or any  
33 or all of these; and any case in which the manufacturer's shipping  
34 weight of any particular passenger automobile is unavailable, or in  
35 doubt or dispute, the chief administrator may require that such  
36 automobile be weighed on a scale designated by the chief  
37 administrator, and such actual weight shall be considered the  
38 manufacturer's shipping weight for the purposes of this section; but  
39 in all cases the chief administrator's determination of the  
40 manufacturer's shipping weight of any such automobile shall be  
41 final. The applicant for registration for passenger automobile shall  
42 also pay to the chief administrator the inspection fee fixed in  
43 R.S.39:8-2 in addition to the fees described hereinabove.

44 The chief administrator shall waive the payment of fees for  
45 issuance of a registration of a motor vehicle for an applicant who is  
46 homeless who submits proof of temporary residence through the  
47 designated homeless liaison of the school district in which the  
48 applicant who is homeless is enrolled. On or before December 31

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1 of each year, the commission shall report to the Office of Housing  
2 Assistance in the Department of Community Affairs each instance  
3 in which the commission provided a fee waiver pursuant to this  
4 section for an applicant who is homeless.

5 The chief administrator may also license private utility and  
6 house type semitrailers and trailers with a gross load not in excess  
7 of 2,000 pounds at a fee of \$4 per annum and all other such utility  
8 and house-type semitrailers and trailers at \$9 per annum.  
9 Application for such registration shall be made on a blank to be  
10 furnished by the commission, and the application shall contain a  
11 statement to the effect that the vehicle so registered will not be used  
12 for the commercial transportation of goods, wares, and  
13 merchandise, or for hire.

14 Except as provided in R.S.39:3-84 for recreation vehicles, no  
15 private utility or house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside  
16 width of more than 96 inches, a maximum height of 13 feet 6  
17 inches, a maximum length for a single vehicle of more than 35 feet,  
18 a maximum length for a semitrailer and its towing vehicle of more  
19 than 45 feet, and a maximum length for a trailer and its towing  
20 vehicle of more than 50 feet, shall be operated on any highway in  
21 this State, except that a vehicle exceeding the above limitations may  
22 be operated when a special permit so to operate is secured in  
23 advance from the chief administrator. A house type semitrailer or  
24 trailer with an outside width of no more than 16 feet shall be  
25 entitled to operate with such a special permit if the vehicle is a  
26 manufactured home on a transportation system that is designed in  
27 accordance with the "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety  
28 Standards," 24 CFR section 3280.901 et seq., promulgated by the  
29 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as  
30 amended and supplemented, provided that the operator complies  
31 with the provisions of this Title and the rules and regulations issued  
32 thereunder. If such a vehicle has an outside width of more than 16  
33 feet, it shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if it is  
34 transported on a commercial type low-bed trailer, semitrailer, or  
35 properly registered dolly wheels pursuant to rules and regulations  
36 established by the chief administrator. The application for such  
37 permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the chief  
38 administrator. A special permit issued by the chief administrator  
39 shall be in the possession of the operator of the vehicle for which  
40 such permit was issued. In computing any dimensions of a vehicle,  
41 for the purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the  
42 dimensional limitations safety equipment such as mirrors or lights,  
43 provided such appliances do not exceed the overall limitations  
44 established by the chief administrator by rule or regulation.

45 As used in this section:

46 “Applicant who is homeless” means a student enrolled in a  
47 school district whose parent or guardian lacks a fixed, regular, and

1 adequate residence as determined by the designated homeless  
2 liaison of a school district.

3 “Designated homeless liaison” means an individual who is  
4 appointed to serve as a school district’s liaison for the education of  
5 homeless children pursuant to State Board of Education regulations  
6 and is required to fulfill the duties of the position as established in  
7 the “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,” (42 U.S.C. 11301  
8 et seq.).

9 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.1)

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

12 39:3-10. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public  
13 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while  
14 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to  
15 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a  
16 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to  
17 that person in accordance with this article.

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

45 A person shall not sit for an examination for any permit without  
46 exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable by the  
47 commission, unless that person is a high school student  
48 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved

1 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,  
2 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of  
3 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1). The commission may waive the  
4 written law knowledge examination for any person 18 years of age  
5 or older possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state,  
6 the District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of  
7 American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. The  
8 commission shall be required to provide that person with a booklet  
9 that highlights those motor vehicle laws unique to New Jersey. A  
10 road test shall be required for a probationary license and serve as a  
11 demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a vehicle of the  
12 class designated. During the road test, an applicant may use a rear  
13 visibility system, parking sensors, or other technology installed on  
14 the motor vehicle that enables the applicant to view areas directly  
15 behind the vehicle or alerts the applicant of obstacles while parking.

16 A person shall not sit for a road test unless that person exhibits  
17 photo identification deemed acceptable by the commission. A high  
18 school student who has completed a course of behind-the-wheel  
19 automobile driving education approved by the State Department of  
20 Education and conducted in a public, parochial, or private school of  
21 this State, who has been issued a special learner's permit pursuant to  
22 section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1) prior to January 1, 2003,  
23 shall not be required to exhibit photo identification in order to sit  
24 for a road test. The commission may waive the road test for any  
25 person 18 years of age or older possessing a valid driver's license  
26 issued by any other state, the District of Columbia, or the United  
27 States Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the  
28 Virgin Islands. The road test shall be given on public streets, where  
29 practicable and feasible, but may be preceded by an off-street  
30 screening process to assess basic skills. The commission shall  
31 approve locations for the road test which pose no more than a  
32 minimal risk of injury to the applicant, the examiner, and other  
33 motorists. New locations for the road test shall not be approved  
34 unless the test can be given on public streets.

35 A person who successfully completes a road test for a  
36 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a  
37 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of  
38 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license  
39 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of the vehicles to  
40 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic  
41 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road  
42 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when  
43 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more  
44 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or  
45 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.  
46 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle  
47 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of  
48 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a

1 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine  
2 displacement.

3 The commission shall issue a basic driver's license to operate a  
4 motor vehicle other than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of  
5 age who previously has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle  
6 in this State or another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1)  
7 operated a passenger automobile in compliance with the  
8 requirements of this Title for not less than one year, not including  
9 any period of suspension or postponement, from the date of  
10 issuance of a probationary license pursuant to section 4 of  
11 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been assessed more than two  
12 motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted in the previous year for  
13 a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-  
14 50.4a), section 1 of P.L.1992, c.189 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129,  
15 N.J.S.2C:11-5, section 1 of P.L.2017, c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3),  
16 subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other motor vehicle-related  
17 violation the commission determines to be significant and  
18 applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an examination of  
19 the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this  
20 section.

21 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination by  
22 20 percent. The additional questions to be added shall consist solely  
23 of questions developed in conjunction with the Department of  
24 Health concerning the use of alcohol or drugs as related to highway  
25 safety. The commission shall develop, in conjunction with the  
26 Department of Health, supplements to the driver's manual which  
27 shall include information necessary to answer any question on the  
28 driver's license examination concerning alcohol or drugs as related  
29 to highway safety.

30 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects  
31 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance  
32 to youthful drivers, including the importance of operating a motor  
33 vehicle in a manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians,  
34 cyclists, skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-  
35 motorized vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to,  
36 passing a cyclist on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes,  
37 navigating intersections with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a  
38 vehicle without endangering pedestrians and cyclists, and the  
39 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall  
40 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a  
41 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,  
42 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,  
43 and following another vehicle too closely, after consultation with  
44 the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the  
45 Department of Law and Public Safety.

46 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to  
47 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the  
48 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"

1 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on  
2 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs  
3 or tissues pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

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

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

13 Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor  
14 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the  
15 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by  
16 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's  
17 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a  
18 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.  
19 An applicant for a permit or license who is less than 18 years of  
20 age, and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile  
21 issued by another state or country that is valid or has expired within  
22 a time period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the  
23 permit and license requirements and penalties applicable to State  
24 permit and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if  
25 the other state or country has permit or license standards  
26 substantially similar to those of this State, the credentials of the  
27 other state or country shall be acceptable.

28 The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers  
29 covering the following classifications:

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

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

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

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

45 Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be a  
46 holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under  
47 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the basic driver's  
48 license.



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1 A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately, but  
2 if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by  
3 endorsement on the basic driver's license. The holder of a basic  
4 driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall be  
5 authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a maximum  
6 piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor  
7 that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum  
8 speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

9 The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it or a  
10 person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is satisfied  
11 of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its discretion, issue  
12 a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle. The license shall  
13 authorize the person to drive any registered vehicle, of the kind or  
14 kinds indicated.

15 The license shall expire, except as otherwise provided, during the  
16 fourth calendar year following the date in which the license was  
17 issued and on the same calendar day as the person's date of birth. If  
18 the person's date of birth does not correspond to a calendar day of  
19 the fourth calendar year, the license shall expire on the last day of  
20 the person's birth month.

21 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,  
22 issue licenses which shall expire on a date fixed by it. If the  
23 commission issues a license to a person who has demonstrated  
24 authorization to be present in the United States for a period of time  
25 shorter than the standard period of the license, the commission shall  
26 fix the expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in  
27 which the person is authorized to be present in the United States  
28 under federal immigration laws. The commission may renew the  
29 license only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued  
30 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. The  
31 fee for licenses with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall  
32 be fixed by the commission in amounts proportionately less or  
33 greater than the fee herein established.

34 The required fee for a license for the license period shall be as  
35 follows:

36 Motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

37 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

38 Basic driver's license: \$18.

39 The chief administrator shall waive the payment of fees for  
40 issuance of a basic driver's license for an applicant who is homeless  
41 and submits proof of temporary residence through the designated  
42 district homeless liaison of the school district in which the applicant  
43 who is homeless is enrolled. On or before December 31 of each  
44 year, the commission shall report to the Office of Housing  
45 Assistance in the Department of Community Affairs each instance  
46 in which the commission provided a fee waiver pursuant to this  
47 section for an applicant who is homeless.

1 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of  
2 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the  
3 commission's satisfaction that the applicant will use the omnibus  
4 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a  
5 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the  
6 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

7 The commission shall issue licenses for the following license  
8 period on and after the first day of the calendar month immediately  
9 preceding the commencement of the period, the licenses to be  
10 effective immediately.

11 All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a  
12 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with  
13 procedures established by it.

14 The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a permit or  
15 license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its estimation,  
16 not a proper person to be granted a permit or license, but a defect of  
17 the applicant shall not debar the applicant from receiving a permit  
18 or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the  
19 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely  
20 operating a motor vehicle.

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

26 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any  
27 document presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age, or  
28 legal residency is altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the  
29 commission shall refuse to grant the permit or license until the time  
30 when the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the  
31 commission's satisfaction.

32 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not  
33 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more  
34 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in  
35 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to  
36 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an  
37 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue  
38 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not  
39 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph  
40 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual  
41 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or  
42 technical error by the commission.

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

46 As used in this section:

47 “Applicant who is homeless” means a student enrolled in a  
48 school district whose parent or guardian lacks a fixed, regular, and

1 adequate residence as determined by the designated homeless  
2 liaison for a school district.

3 “Designated homeless liaison” means an individual who is  
4 appointed to serve as a school district’s liaison for the education of  
5 homeless children pursuant to State Board of Education regulations  
6 and is required to fulfill the duties of the position as established in  
7 the “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,” (42 U.S.C. 11301  
8 et seq.).

9 "Parking sensors" means proximity sensors which use either  
10 electromagnetic or ultrasonic technology and are designed to alert  
11 the driver to obstacles while parking.

12 "Rear visibility system" means devices or components installed  
13 on a motor vehicle at the time of manufacture that allow a forward  
14 facing driver to view a visual image of the area directly behind the  
15 vehicle.

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

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill allows a homeless student to obtain or renew a vehicle  
24 registration and driver’s license without paying fees to the New  
25 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. In order for the fees to be  
26 waived, a homeless student would be required to submit proof of  
27 temporary residence through the designated homeless liaison from  
28 the school district in which the youth is enrolled.

29 The bill defines “applicant who is homeless” as a student  
30 enrolled in a school district whose parent or guardian lacks a fixed,  
31 regular, and adequate residence as determined by the designated  
32 district homeless liaison. The bill defines “designated homeless  
33 liaison” as an individual who is appointed to serve as a school  
34 district’s liaison for the education of homeless children pursuant to  
35 State Board of Education regulations and is required to fulfill the  
36 duties of the position, as established in the federal McKinney-Vento  
37 Homeless Assistance Act.