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SYNOPSIS

Temporarily extends deadline to register vehicle and obtain driver's license for new State residents during COVID-19 public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on August 24, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)

1 AN ACT providing temporary extension of vehicle registration and
2 driver's license deadlines for new State residents.

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of
8 P.L.1955, c.53 (C.39:3-17.1) to the contrary, any person who
9 becomes a resident of this State and who immediately prior thereto
10 was authorized to operate and drive a motor vehicle or motor
11 vehicles in this State as a non-resident pursuant to R.S.39:3-15 and
12 R.S.39:3-17, shall not lose the right to so operate and drive a motor
13 vehicle or motor vehicles by becoming a resident of this State, but
14 that right shall continue to be in full force and effect for 120 days,
15 unless a longer period of reciprocity is otherwise provided by law,
16 after establishing residency in this State in the same manner and to
17 the same extent as though the person was a non-resident.

18 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of
19 P.L.1955, c.53 (C.39:3-17.1) to the contrary, any person who
20 becomes a resident of this State and who immediately prior thereto
21 was authorized to operate and drive a motor vehicle or motor
22 vehicles in this State as a non-resident pursuant to R.S.39:3-15 and
23 R.S.39:3-17, shall register any vehicle operated on the public
24 highways of this State within 120 days of so becoming a resident of
25 New Jersey, pursuant to R.S.39:3-4 or section 2 of P.L.1968, c.439
26 (C.39:3-8.1).

27 c. The extension of nonresident driving rights provided in
28 subsection a. and subsection b. of this section shall apply to persons
29 who become residents of the State during the period of time in
30 which the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus
31 disease 2019 (COVID-19), established by Executive Order No. 103
32 of 2020, and any subsequent executive orders extending the public
33 health emergency, remains in effect ¹, except that the extension may
34 be discontinued and the statutory 60-day period reinstated by the
35 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle upon written
36 certification by the chief administrator that the extension is no
37 longer necessary and upon submission of that certification to the
38 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C:52:14-
39 19.1), to the Legislature¹.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire at the
42 end of the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus
43 disease 2019 (COVID-19), either upon the expiration of Executive
44 Order No. 103 of 2020 and any subsequent executive orders

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 ATR committee amendments adopted August 24, 2020.

1 extending the public health emergency; or, in the absence of a
2 rescission by the Governor, upon the termination in any other
3 manner of the declared public health emergency ¹; or upon written
4 certification by the chief administrator that the extension is no
5 longer necessary and upon submission of that certification to the
6 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C:52:14-
7 19.1), to the Legislature¹.