

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5800

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**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes purchaser of automobile by private sale to operate automobile for three-day period following purchase without permanent registration or transfer of title.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/1/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning temporary registration of automobiles 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. Any resident of this State purchasing a passenger  
8 automobile pursuant to a private sale in this State from any person  
9 who is not a dealer or used motor vehicle dealer, and provided the  
10 automobile is to be principally garaged, registered, and titled in this  
11 State, may register the automobile in New Jersey on a temporary  
12 basis.

13 b. A temporary registration pursuant to this section shall be  
14 made through an application submitted to the New Jersey Motor  
15 Vehicle Commission through the commission's website, with an  
16 electronic signature by the applicant, that requires the applicant to  
17 submit the applicant's name, address, and age, the automobile  
18 seller's name, a description of the character of the automobile  
19 including the make and model of the automobile and vehicle  
20 identification number, the date of the private sale, the odometer  
21 reading at the time of sale, the name of the insurance company  
22 insuring the automobile, the insurance policy number, a  
23 certification by the applicant that the automobile is insured in  
24 accordance with the requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-  
25 Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.), and any  
26 other information that may be required by the Chief Administrator  
27 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. In the event that  
28 the insurance is terminated, the insurer shall notify the chief  
29 administrator within 30 days following the termination. The  
30 commission shall maintain a record of all temporary registration  
31 applications made pursuant to this section and all temporary license  
32 plates provided pursuant to this section, store this information in a  
33 database or registry, and make this information accessible to law  
34 enforcement officers. Immediately upon submission of the  
35 application, the commission shall provide to the applicant:

36 (1) a receipt through electronic mail that may serve as proof of  
37 temporary registration pursuant to this section; and

38 (2) a temporary license plate, in a manner to be determined by  
39 the chief administrator, which may be printed by the applicant and  
40 which shall be displayed on the automobile.

41 c. Following submission of the application, the applicant may  
42 operate the automobile on the roadways of this State for a period of  
43 three days from submission of the application, provided that the  
44 automobile is insured in accordance with the requirements of the  
45 "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173  
46 (C.39:6-23 et seq.) and the temporary license plate provided  
47 pursuant to subsection b. of this section is displayed on the  
48 automobile, notwithstanding that the automobile does not have a

1 permanent registration and may not be properly titled with the  
2 commission. A law enforcement officer shall review the database  
3 or registry maintained by the commission or the receipt provided to  
4 the applicant by electronic mail pursuant to subsection b. of this  
5 section to confirm the temporary registration status of the  
6 automobile. Following the three-day period, the automobile shall  
7 not be operated on the roadways of this State unless it is registered  
8 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4 or properly registered in another state or  
9 jurisdiction.

10 d. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be  
11 subject to a fine not exceeding \$100, except that for the intentional  
12 misstatement of any fact in the application required to be made by  
13 the chief administrator, the person making the misstatement shall be  
14 subject to the penalties provided in R.S.39:3-37.

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16 2. During the public health emergency declared on March 9,  
17 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 and  
18 extended, where applicable, by subsequent executive orders, the  
19 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
20 may extend the period that persons may operate automobiles  
21 purchased pursuant to private sale that are temporarily registered  
22 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
23 Legislature as this bill) on the roadways of this State to a period not  
24 to exceed 10 days from the submission of the application pursuant  
25 to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
26 as this bill), provided that the automobile is insured in accordance  
27 with the requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-  
28 Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.) and the  
29 temporary license plate provided pursuant to subsection b. of  
30 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
31 as this bill) is displayed on the automobile.

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33 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month  
34 following enactment, except that the Chief Administrator of the  
35 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall take anticipatory  
36 action in advance thereof to ensure the timely implementation of  
37 this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill authorizes a person who purchases a passenger  
43 automobile through a private sale from a person who is not a dealer  
44 or used motor vehicle dealer to operate the automobile on the  
45 roadways in the State for a period of three days, provided that the  
46 automobile is properly insured and the person who purchased the  
47 automobile temporarily registers the automobile pursuant to the bill

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1 and displays on the automobile the temporary license plate provided  
2 pursuant to the bill.

3 In order to be authorized to operate an automobile in such a  
4 manner, the automobile purchaser is required to submit information  
5 to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission)  
6 through the commission's website. Once that information is  
7 submitted, the commission is required to provide the person with a  
8 receipt by electronic mail that proves that the person temporarily  
9 registered the automobile with the commission, which may serve as  
10 proof of the registration status of the automobile, and a printable  
11 temporary license plate, which is to be displayed on the automobile.  
12 The commission is required to maintain a record of the information  
13 submitted through the website and the temporary license plates  
14 provided to applicants in a database or registry, which is to be  
15 accessible to law enforcement officers.

16 Any person violating the provisions of the bill is to be subject to  
17 a fine up to \$100. Any person that provides an intentional  
18 misstatement of any fact is subject to the penalties provided by law  
19 concerning the provision of falsified information to the commission.

20 The bill also includes a temporary provision that authorizes the  
21 chief administrator of the commission to expand the three-day time  
22 period under the bill to a 10-day time period during the Coronavirus  
23 disease 2019 public health emergency.