

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 136, *approved December 14, 2020*  
 Assembly, No. 4442 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning driving privileges for certain persons during the  
 2 COVID-19 public health emergency.

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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. During the public health emergency declared on March 9,  
 8 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 and  
 9 extended, where applicable, by subsequent executive orders, <sup>1</sup>and  
 10 until the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission resolves any  
 11 backlog in driver licensure caused by the public health  
 12 emergency,<sup>1</sup> an applicant for a driver's license who has passed the  
 13 road test may use the person's examination permit or special  
 14 learner's permit <sup>1</sup>, for a period of 60 days from the date on which  
 15 the applicant passed the road test or from the effective date of  
 16 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), whichever  
 17 date is later,<sup>1</sup> to operate a motor vehicle in the same manner and to  
 18 the same extent as the holder of a probationary driver's license of  
 19 the same age as the person. Any such person may acquire  
 20 automobile insurance or be added to an automobile insurance policy  
 21 in the same manner as the holder of a probationary driver's license.  
 22 b. On <sup>1</sup>or before<sup>1</sup> the 60th day following <sup>1</sup>resolution of the  
 23 backlog of driver licensure caused by the public health emergency,  
 24 as determined by the chief administrator, any<sup>1</sup> passage of the road  
 25 test by a person or the 60th day following the effective date of  
 26 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), whichever  
 27 date is later, the person shall be required to visit a commission  
 28 agency and complete any additional requirements to receive a  
 29 driver's license. If a person does not visit a commission agency and  
 30 complete the additional requirements necessary for the receipt of a  
 31 driver's license by the 60th day following passage of the road test  
 32 or the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature  
 33 as this bill), as applicable, that person's<sup>1</sup> driving privileges granted  
 34 under this act shall expire <sup>1</sup>and any person granted driving  
 35 privileges under this act shall be required to meet all requirements  
 36 of driver licensure, as determined by the chief administrator, to  
 37 lawfully operate a motor vehicle on the roads of this State<sup>1</sup> ,  
 38 provided that the person may visit a commission agency at a later  
 39 date to receive a driver's license, subject to any requirements

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted August 24, 2020.

1 imposed by the chief administrator<sup>1</sup>. The chief administrator shall  
2 provide adequate notice to any person whose driving privileges are  
3 set to expire pursuant to this subsection <sup>1</sup>, which may be provided  
4 to the person at the time and location of the road test<sup>1</sup>.

5 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Administrative  
6 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the  
7 contrary, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
8 Commission may adopt immediately upon filing with the Office of  
9 Administrative Law such rules and regulations as the chief  
10 administrator determines to be necessary to effectuate the purposes  
11 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which  
12 rules and regulations shall be effective for a period not to exceed  
13 360 days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending  
14 before the Legislature as this bill) and may thereafter be amended,  
15 adopted, or readopted by the chief administrator in accordance with  
16 the requirements of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
17 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).  
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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately <sup>1</sup>and shall expire at the  
20 end of the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus  
21 disease 2019 (COVID-19), either: upon the expiration of Executive  
22 Order No. 103 of 2020 and any subsequent executive orders  
23 extending the public health emergency; or, in the absence of a  
24 rescission by the Governor, upon the termination in any other  
25 manner of the declared public health emergency<sup>1</sup>.  
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31 Authorizes individuals who have passed road test to use driving  
32 permit to operate motor vehicle for 60 days during COVID-19  
public health emergency.