

**-SENATE, No. 2755**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes individuals who have passed road test to use driving permit to operate motor vehicle during COVID-19 public health emergency.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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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, and  
10 until the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission resolves any  
11 backlog in driver licensure caused by the public health emergency,  
12 an applicant for a driver's license who has passed the road test may  
13 use the person's examination permit or special learner's permit to  
14 operate a motor vehicle in the same manner and to the same extent  
15 as the holder of a probationary driver's license of the same age as  
16 the person. Any such person may acquire automobile insurance or  
17 be added to an automobile insurance policy in the same manner as  
18 the holder of a probationary driver's license.

19 b. On the 60th day following resolution of the backlog of driver  
20 licensure caused by the public health emergency, as determined by  
21 the chief administrator, any driving privileges granted under this act  
22 shall expire and any person granted driving privileges under this act  
23 shall be required to meet all requirements of driver licensure, as  
24 determined by the chief administrator, to lawfully operate a motor  
25 vehicle on the roads of this State. The chief administrator shall  
26 provide adequate notice to any person whose driving privileges are  
27 set to expire pursuant to this subsection.

28 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Administrative  
29 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the  
30 contrary, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
31 Commission may adopt immediately upon filing with the Office of  
32 Administrative Law such rules and regulations as the chief  
33 administrator determines to be necessary to effectuate the purposes  
34 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which  
35 rules and regulations shall be effective for a period not to exceed  
36 360 days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending  
37 before the Legislature as this bill) and may thereafter be amended,  
38 adopted, or readopted by the chief administrator in accordance with  
39 the requirements of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
40 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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47 This bill allows a person who has passed the road test for driver  
48 licensure to operate a motor vehicle in this State in the same manner

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1 and to the same extent as the holder of a probationary driver's  
2 license of the same age as the person. This includes the ability to  
3 acquire automobile insurance in the same manner as the holder of a  
4 probationary driver's license. The authorization to operate a motor  
5 vehicle is to be valid until the 60th day after the resolution of the  
6 driver licensure backlog by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
7 Commission.