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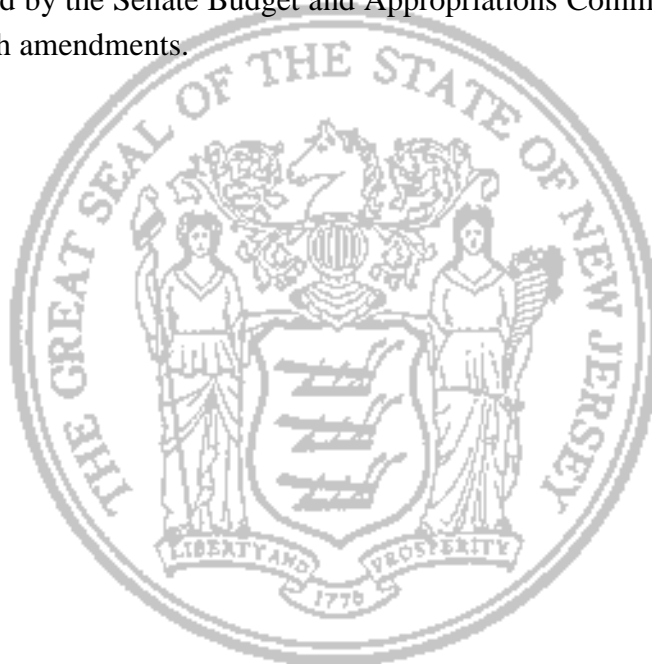
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SYNOPSIS

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 Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on August 25, 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 becomes
9 a resident of this State and who immediately prior thereto was
10 authorized to operate and drive a motor vehicle or motor vehicles in
11 this State as a non-resident pursuant to R.S.39:3-15 and R.S.39:3-17,
12 shall not lose the right to so operate and drive a motor vehicle or motor
13 vehicles by becoming a resident of this State, but that right shall
14 continue to be in full force and effect for 120 days, unless a longer
15 period of reciprocity is otherwise provided by law, after establishing
16 residency in this State in the same manner and to the same extent as
17 though the person was a non-resident.

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

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

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire at the
41 end of the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus
42 disease 2019 (COVID-19), either upon the expiration of Executive
43 Order No. 103 of 2020 and any subsequent executive orders
44 extending the public health emergency; or, in the absence of a
45 rescission by the Governor, upon the termination in any other

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted August 25, 2020.

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