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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.



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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, store this information in
32 a database or registry, and make this information accessible to law
33 enforcement officers. Immediately upon submission of the
34 application, the commission shall provide a receipt to the applicant
35 through electronic mail that may serve as proof of temporary
36 registration pursuant to this section.

37 c. Following submission of the application, the applicant may
38 operate the automobile on the roadways of this State for a period of
39 three days from submission of the application, provided that the
40 automobile is insured in accordance with the requirements of the
41 "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173
42 (C.39:6-23 et seq.), notwithstanding that the automobile does not
43 have a permanent registration and may not be properly titled with
44 the commission. A law enforcement officer shall review the
45 database or registry maintained by the commission or the receipt
46 provided to the applicant by electronic mail pursuant to subsection
47 b. of this section to confirm the temporary registration status of the
48 automobile. Following the three-day period, the automobile shall

1 not be operated on the roadways of this State unless it is registered
2 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4 or properly registered in another state or
3 jurisdiction.

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

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10 2. During the public health emergency declared on March 9,
11 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 and
12 extended, where applicable, by subsequent executive orders, the
13 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
14 may extend the period that persons may operate automobiles
15 purchased pursuant to private sale that are temporarily registered
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill) on the roadways of this State to a period not
18 to exceed 10 days from the submission of the application pursuant
19 to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
20 as this bill), provided that the automobile is insured in accordance
21 with the requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-
22 Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.).

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24 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
25 following enactment, except that the Chief Administrator of the
26 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall take anticipatory
27 action in advance thereof to ensure the timely implementation of
28 this act.

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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill authorizes a person who purchases a passenger
34 automobile through a private sale from a person who is not a dealer
35 or used motor vehicle dealer to operate the automobile on the
36 roadways in the State for a period of three days, provided that the
37 automobile is properly insured and that person temporarily registers
38 the automobile pursuant to the bill.

39 In order to be authorized to operate an automobile in such a
40 manner, the automobile purchaser is required to submit information
41 to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission)
42 through the commission's website. Once that information is
43 submitted, the commission is required to provide the person with a
44 receipt by electronic mail that proves that the person temporarily
45 registered the automobile with the commission, which may serve as
46 proof of the registration status of the automobile. The commission
47 is required to maintain the information submitted through the

1 website in a database or registry, which is to be accessible to law
2 enforcement officers.

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

7 The bill also includes a temporary provision that authorizes the
8 chief administrator to expand the three-day time period under the
9 bill to a 10-day time period during the Coronavirus disease 2019
10 public health emergency.