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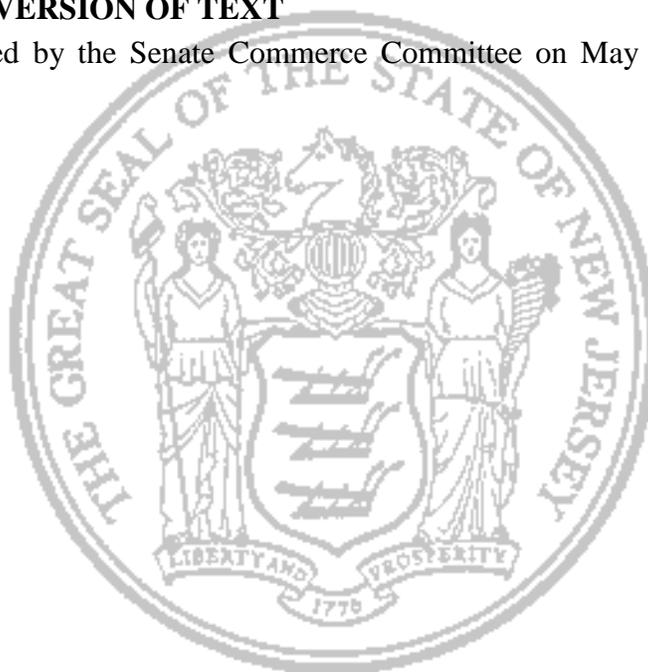
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**SYNOPSIS**

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 reported by the Senate Commerce Committee on May 13, 2021, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/13/2021)**

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 <sup>1</sup>and all temporary  
32 license plates provided pursuant to this section<sup>1</sup>, store this  
33 information in a database or registry, and make this information  
34 accessible to law enforcement officers. Immediately upon  
35 submission of the application, the commission shall provide <sup>1</sup>to the  
36 applicant:

37 (1)<sup>1</sup> a receipt <sup>1</sup>**【to the applicant】**<sup>1</sup> through electronic mail that  
38 may serve as proof of temporary registration pursuant to this  
39 section<sup>1</sup>; and

40 (2) a temporary license plate, in a manner to be determined by  
41 the chief administrator, which may be printed by the applicant and  
42 which shall be displayed on the automobile<sup>1</sup>.

43 c. Following submission of the application, the applicant may  
44 operate the automobile on the roadways of this State for a period of

**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>Senate SCM committee amendments adopted May 13, 2021.

1 three days from submission of the application, provided that the  
2 automobile is insured in accordance with the requirements of the  
3 "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173  
4 (C.39:6-23 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>and the temporary license plate provided  
5 pursuant to subsection b. of this section is displayed on the  
6 automobile<sup>1</sup>, notwithstanding that the automobile does not have a  
7 permanent registration and may not be properly titled with the  
8 commission. A law enforcement officer shall review the database  
9 or registry maintained by the commission or the receipt provided to  
10 the applicant by electronic mail pursuant to subsection b. of this  
11 section to confirm the temporary registration status of the  
12 automobile. Following the three-day period, the automobile shall  
13 not be operated on the roadways of this State unless it is registered  
14 pursuant to R.S.39:3-4 or properly registered in another state or  
15 jurisdiction.

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

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

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39 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month  
40 following enactment, except that the Chief Administrator of the  
41 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall take anticipatory  
42 action in advance thereof to ensure the timely implementation of  
43 this act.