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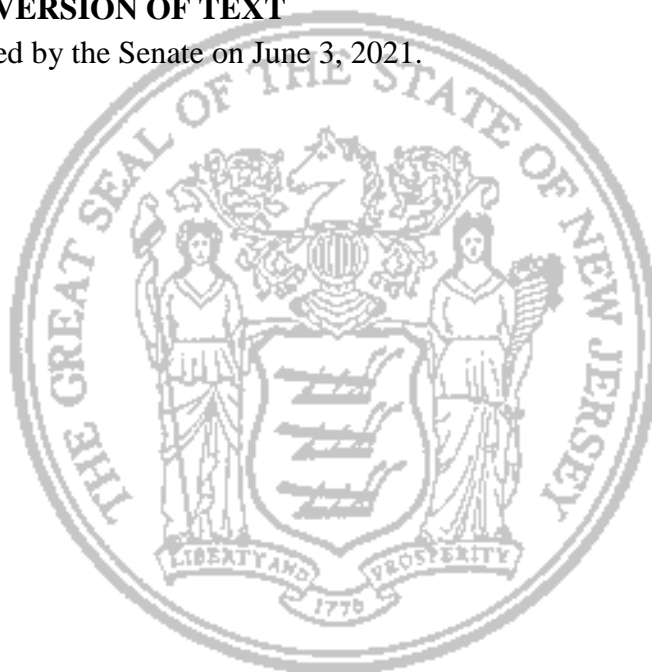
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SYNOPSIS

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 amended by the Senate on June 3, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2021)

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 ¹and all temporary
32 license plates provided pursuant to this section¹, 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 ¹to the
36 applicant:

37 (1)¹ a receipt ¹**【to the applicant】**¹ through electronic mail that
38 may serve as proof of temporary registration pursuant to this
39 section¹; 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 automobile¹.

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:

¹Senate SCM committee amendments adopted May 13, 2021.

²Senate floor amendments adopted June 3, 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.) ¹and the temporary license plate provided
5 pursuant to subsection b. of this section is displayed on the
6 automobile¹, 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 ²2. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall provide on
23 the commission's website an electronic form that a seller of a
24 passenger automobile may use to provide proof that an individual
25 purchased a passenger automobile from the seller in a private sale
26 in this State pursuant to subsection a. of section 1 of this act. The
27 commission shall allow the seller of a passenger automobile in a
28 private sale to complete the form and upload it to the commission's
29 website, along with an electronic copy of a picture of the title of the
30 passenger automobile that was sold. The commission shall
31 maintain a record of all information contained in the completed
32 forms pursuant to this section, store the information in a database or
33 registry, and make the information accessible to law enforcement
34 officers. A seller who complies with the provisions of this section,
35 as of the date and time the commission electronically receives the
36 completed form and picture of the title, shall no longer be
37 considered the owner of the passenger automobile that was sold
38 and, as such, shall no longer be subject to any law enforcement
39 action or liable for any penalties provided pursuant to law.²

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41 ²[2.] 3.² During the public health emergency declared on
42 March 9, 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No.
43 103 and extended, where applicable, by subsequent executive
44 orders, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
45 Commission may extend the period that persons may operate
46 automobiles purchased pursuant to private sale that are temporarily
47 registered pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending

1 before the Legislature as this bill) on the roadways of this State to a
2 period not to exceed 10 days from the submission of the application
3 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill), provided that the automobile is insured in
5 accordance with the requirements of the "Motor Vehicle Security-
6 Responsibility Law," P.L.1952, c.173 (C.39:6-23 et seq.) ¹and the
7 temporary license plate provided pursuant to subsection b. of
8 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
9 as this bill) is displayed on the automobile¹.

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11 ²**[3.] 4.**² This act shall take effect on the first day of the third
12 month following enactment, except that the Chief Administrator of
13 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall take anticipatory
14 action in advance thereof to ensure the timely implementation of
15 this act.