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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning the registration of certain motor vehicles and
2 amending R.S.39:3-4.

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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. R.S. 39:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-4. Except as hereinafter provided, every resident of this State
9 and every nonresident whose automobile or motorcycle shall be driven
10 in this State shall, before using such vehicle on the public highways,
11 register the same, and no automobile or motorcycle shall be driven
12 unless so registered.

13 Such registration shall be made in the following manner: An
14 application in writing, signed by the applicant or by an agent or officer,
15 in case the applicant is a corporation, shall be made to the director or
16 the director's agent, on forms prepared and supplied by the director,
17 containing the name, street address of the residence or the business of
18 the owner, mailing address, if different from the street address of the
19 owner's residence or business, and age of the owner, together with a
20 description of the character of the automobile or motorcycle, including
21 the name of the maker and the vehicle identification number, or the
22 manufacturer's number or the number assigned by the director if the
23 vehicle does not have a vehicle identification number, and any other
24 statement that may be required by the director. A post office box shall
25 appear on the application only as part of a mailing address that is
26 submitted by the owner, agent or officer, as the case may be, in
27 addition to the street address of the applicant's residence or business.
28 An owner whose last address appears on the records of the division as
29 a post office box shall change his address on his application for
30 renewal to the street address of his residence or business and, if
31 different from his street address, his mailing address. The application

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AIN committee amendments adopted June 3, 1996.

1 shall contain the name of the insurer of the vehicle and the policy
2 number. If the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the application shall
3 make note of that fact and shall include along with the name and street
4 address of the lessor the name, street address and driver license
5 number of the lessee. A lessor of a leased motor vehicle shall notify
6 the director in writing, on such form as the director may prescribe, of
7 the termination of a lease or of a change of the lessee within seven
8 days after the termination or change.

9 Thereupon the director shall have the power to grant a registration
10 certificate to the owner of any motor vehicle, if over 17 years of age,
11 application for the registration having been properly made and the fee
12 therefor paid, and the vehicle being of a type that complies with the
13 requirements of this title. The form and contents of the registration
14 certificate to be issued shall be determined by the director, which
15 contents shall include, at such time as the registration certificate is
16 next redesigned or reformatted, the National Association of Insurance
17 Commissioners (NAIC) insurance company code of the insurer of the
18 vehicle. The director shall maintain a record of all registration
19 certificates issued, and of the contents thereof on an electronic data
20 base. Law enforcement agencies, the New Jersey Division of
21 Insurance Fraud Prevention established pursuant to section 8 of
22 P.L.1983, c.320 (C.17:33A-8), and special investigation units
23 established by insurers in accord with fraud and theft prevention plans
24 filed and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to
25 section 56 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-46) shall have on-line access to
26 a data base of standard motor vehicle information that shall include,
27 but not be limited to, the vehicle identification number, or the
28 manufacturer's number or the number assigned by the director if the
29 vehicle does not have a vehicle identification number; the National
30 Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) insurance company
31 code of the insurer of the vehicle and the policy number; and any other
32 information deemed appropriate by the director. ¹The NAIC insurance
33 company code of the insurer shall not be deemed a public record
34 subject to disclosure pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1963, c.73
35 (C.47:1A-2).¹

36 If the vehicle is a leased motor vehicle, the registration certificate
37 shall, in addition to containing the name and street address of the
38 lessor, identify the vehicle as a leased motor vehicle.

39 [The director shall maintain a record of all registration certificates
40 issued, and of the contents thereof.]

41 Every registration shall expire and the registration certificate
42 thereof become void on the last day of the twelfth calendar month
43 following the calendar month in which the certificate was issued;
44 provided, however, that the director may, at his discretion, require
45 registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates thereof which
46 shall become void, on a date fixed by him, which date shall not be

1 sooner than three months nor later than 26 months after the date of
2 issuance of such certificates, and the fees for such registrations,
3 including any other fees or charges collected in connection with the
4 registration fee, shall be fixed by the director in amounts
5 proportionately less or greater than the fees established by law. The
6 director may fix the expiration date for registration certificates at a
7 date other than 12 months if the director determines that the change
8 is necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in implementing
9 the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of Title 39 of the
10 Revised Statutes or for other good cause.

11 All motorcycles for which registrations have been issued prior to
12 the effective date of P.L.1989, c.167 and which are scheduled to
13 expire between November 1 and March 31 shall, upon renewal, be
14 issued registrations by the director which shall expire on a date fixed
15 by him, but in no case shall that expiration date be earlier than April
16 30 nor later than October 31. The fees for the renewal of the
17 motorcycle registrations authorized under this paragraph shall be fixed
18 by the director in an amount proportionately less or greater than the
19 fee established by R.S.39:3-21.

20 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for passenger
21 automobiles shall be sent to the last addresses of owners of motor
22 vehicles and motorcycles, as they appear on the records of the
23 division.

24 No person owning or having control over any unregistered vehicle
25 shall permit the same to be parked or to stand on a public highway.

26 Any police officer is authorized to remove any unregistered vehicle
27 from the public highway to a storage space or garage, and the expense
28 involved in such removal and storing of the vehicle shall be borne by
29 the owner of the vehicle, except that the expense shall be borne by the
30 lessee of a leased vehicle.

31 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject
32 to a fine not exceeding \$100, except that for the misstatement of any
33 fact in the application required to be made to the director, the person
34 making such statement or omitting the statement that the motor
35 vehicle is to be used as a leased motor vehicle when that is the case
36 shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S.39:3-37.

37 The director may extend the expiration date of a registration
38 certificate without payment of a proportionate fee when the director
39 determines that such extension is necessary, appropriate or convenient
40 to the implementation of vehicle inspection requirements. If any
41 registration certificate is so extended, the owner shall pay upon
42 renewal the full registration fee for the period fixed by the director as
43 if no extension had been granted.

44 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall make a reasonable effort to
45 notify any lessor whose name and address is on file with the division,
46 or any other lessor the division may determine it is necessary to notify,

1 of the requirements of this amendatory act.

2 (cf: P.L.1995,c.112,s.27)

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4 2. This act shall take effect on the 365th day after enactment, but
5 the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such
6 anticipatory administrative action in advance of that date as shall be
7 necessary for the implementation of the act.

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12 Requires insurance company information to be included on automobile
13 and motorcycle registration certificates.