

ASSEMBLY, No. 648

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen IMPREVEDUTO and DORIA

1 AN ACT concerning certain motor vehicle registrations and amending
2 R.S.39:3-30.

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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.39:3-30 is amended to read as follows:
8 39:3-30. Upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of any
9 motor vehicle its registration shall become void. If the motor vehicle
10 is sold the original owner shall remove the license plates therefrom,
11 and, within 48 hours, notify the director of the name and address of
12 the purchaser.

13 The original owner may, by proper sworn application on a form to
14 be furnished by the division[, register]:

15 a. Receive a refund of that percentage of the registration fee
16 proportionate to the unexpired term of the registration of a passenger
17 automobile registered under R.S.39:3-8 or a noncommercial truck
18 registered under section 2 of P.L.1968, c.439 (C.39:3-8.1), computed
19 on a calendar monthly basis; provided, however, that no owner shall
20 be entitled to a refund of less than 1/6th of the total registration fee
21 paid by the owner for that motor vehicle or \$10, whichever is greater;
22 or

23 b. Register another motor vehicle for the unexpired portion of the
24 registration period of the original vehicle, upon payment of a fee of
25 \$4.50 if the vehicle is of a weight or other classification equal with or
26 less than the one originally registered, and upon the payment of a fee
27 of \$4.50 and the difference between the fee originally paid and that
28 due if the new motor vehicle is properly registerable in a higher class.
29 Unless the original license plates have been destroyed, the owner shall
30 be assigned the license number previously issued to him and shall
31 receive a new registration certificate. If the original license plates
32 have been destroyed, replacement of the plates will be made under the

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.

1 provisions of R.S.39:3-32.

2 The surviving husband, wife, child or children of a deceased
3 registered owner of any motor vehicle in whom title thereto shall vest
4 by virtue of the terms of the will of such deceased owner, or
5 otherwise, shall, upon application to the director, and upon the
6 payment of a fee of \$4.50, be entitled to have the registration of such
7 vehicle transferred to his or her name.

8 The registered owner of any motor vehicle shall, upon application
9 to the director, and payment of a fee of \$4.50, be entitled to have the
10 vehicle registered jointly in the name of the registered owner and the
11 spouse of said owner. The registration certificate and certificate of
12 ownership shall be amended accordingly without the payment of any
13 additional fee.

14 (cf: P.L.1978, c.96, s.1)

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16 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
17 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles in the
23 Department of Law and Public Safety (DMV) to provide refunds of
24 certain motor vehicle registration fees.

25 Under the provisions of the bill, whenever a passenger automobile
26 or noncommercial truck is either sold to another person or destroyed,
27 the owner could apply to the DMV for a refund for the unexpired
28 portion of that vehicle's registration. The proportionate amount of the
29 refund is to be determined on a calendar month basis. The bill
30 provides, however, that no refund is to be paid if the proportionate
31 amount due is less than 1/6th of the annual registration fee or \$10,
32 which ever is greater. In most cases, this provision would relieve the
33 DMV of any obligation to pay refunds on registrations having an
34 unexpired term of one month.

35 Current law does not authorize the DMV to refund registration
36 fees.

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41 Authorizes DMV to give refunds for unexpired portions of motor
42 vehicle registration periods in certain cases.