

ASSEMBLY, No. 1484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen LeFERVE and BLEE

1 AN ACT concerning the registration of certain autocabs and amending  
2 R.S.48:16-2.

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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.48:16-2 is amended to read as follows:

8 48:16-2. a. No autocab shall be operated along any street in any  
9 municipality until the owner thereof shall obtain the consent of the  
10 elective governing body or member thereof having control of the  
11 public streets in the municipality. No municipality located in a county  
12 of the first class with a population of less than 20,000 persons shall  
13 enact an ordinance establishing fees or other charges in excess of  
14 \$50.00 for the right to operate an autocab. The provisions of any  
15 existing ordinance establishing fees or other charges in excess of this  
16 amount for each cab operated are null and void and any excess fee or  
17 charge shall be returned to the owner of the autocab.

18 b. No consent to operate along the streets of a municipality shall  
19 be given for any taxicab that is more than four model years old at the  
20 time the owner applies for such consent.

21 (cf: P.L. 1977, c.218, s.1)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill would prohibit the registration and use of taxicabs that are  
29 more than four model years old.

30 Under current law, taxicab owners must have municipal consent to  
31 operate their cabs in a municipality. The provisions of this bill prohibit  
32 municipalities from granting such consent for a taxicab that is more  
33 than four model years old at the time the owner of the vehicle applies  
34 for consent. Without such consent, the owner of the vehicle is unable

**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.**

1 to secure the special registration plates the Division of Motor Vehicles  
2 is authorized to issue for autocabs under the provisions of section 12  
3 of P.L.1979, c.224 (C.39:3-19.5).

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8 Prohibits registration and use of taxicabs more than four model years  
9 old.