

ASSEMBLY, No. 1597

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen IMPREVEDUTO and CARABALLO

1 AN ACT concerning certain driver's licenses and amending P.L.1979,
2 c.261, P.L.1980, c.47 and P.L.1977, c.23.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.261 (C.39:3-10f) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. a. In addition to the requirements for the form and content of
10 a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10, each initial New
11 Jersey license issued to a person under the age of 21 after the effective
12 date of this act shall have a color photograph of the licensee. Each
13 initial motor vehicle license issued to a person 21 years of age or older
14 on or after May 1, 1982, shall have a color photograph of the licensee.
15 At the option of the licensee, a renewal of any motor vehicle driver's
16 license shall be either a photo-license or a license that does not bear a
17 photograph of the licensee. All licenses bearing a color photograph of
18 the licensee as provided in this act shall be valid for a period of 48
19 calendar months.

20 To replace a photo-license for a licensee who is temporarily out of
21 this State, the director may issue a "valid without photo" photo-license
22 for the unexpired term of the license.

23 b. After the effective date of this act the driver's license issued to
24 a person under the age of 21 years shall be conspicuously distinct,
25 through the use of color, from the driver's licenses issued to persons
26 21 years of age or older. The director, in consultation with the
27 Superintendent of State Police, shall determine the color and the
28 manner in which that color shall be used to achieve this result.
29 Following the name of the licensee, this license shall read in
30 conspicuous letters: ", who will be 21 on (insert date of licensee's 21st
31 birthday)."

32 c. The director shall provide that the driver's license issued to a
33 person under the age of 21 years pursuant to the provisions of this act
34 shall expire when the licensee attains the age of 21 years. In those

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 cases where such a driver's license is issued for a period of less than
2 48 months, the fee for that driver's license shall be prorated as a
3 proportion of the fee set forth in R.S.39:3-10.

4 d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to driver's licenses
5 issued pursuant to P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et al.).
6 (cf: P.L.1990, c.103, s.26)

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8 2. Section 3 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.4) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 3. Every identification card authorized by section 2 of this act shall
11 bear a color photograph of the person to whom it is issued and shall
12 be issued upon the standard license form prescribed by the Division of
13 Motor Vehicles for color photograph drivers' licenses, except that the
14 card shall be blue, [and] shall prominently contain the words "For
15 Identification Only[.]," and, in the case of an identification card issued
16 to a person under the age of 21, shall be conspicuously distinct
17 through the use of color, from the identification cards issued to
18 persons 21 years of age or older. Following the name of a holder who
19 is under 21 years of age, this card shall read in conspicuous letters :
20 ", who will be 21 on (insert date of holder's 21st birthday)."

21 The director, in consultation with the Superintendent of State
22 Police, shall determine the color and the manner in which that color
23 shall be used to achieve this result.

24 (cf: P.L.1989, c.52, s.3)

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26 3. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.23 (C.39:3-10b) is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 1. All successful applicants for a basic driver's license or
29 motorcycle license who previously have never been licensed to drive
30 a motor vehicle in this, or any other state, shall be licensed on a
31 probationary basis for the 2-year period following the issuance of
32 their initial licenses. [No] Except as otherwise provided in P.L. , c.
33 (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill), no such license
34 shall physically differ by way of appearance from a nonprobationary
35 license.

36 (cf: P.L.1977, c.23, s.1)

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38 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
39 following enactment.

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44 This bill requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the
45 Department of Transportation to issue a photo driver's license to
46 persons under 21 years of age that is conspicuously distinct, through

1 the use of color, from other driver's licenses. The Director of DMV,
2 in consultation with the Superintendent of State Police, would be
3 responsible for designating the distinctive color and the manner of its
4 usage on the license. The bill would also require the license to
5 conspicuously state the date of the licensee's 21st birthday. The bill
6 would require identification cards issued to nondrivers who are under
7 21 to be treated in a similar manner. The issuance of these
8 distinctively colored licenses and identification cards is expected to
9 deter attempts by underaged persons to purchase and consume
10 alcoholic beverages.

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15 Requires distinctive colored driver's license for persons under 21.