

ASSEMBLY, No. 2634

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle licenses and registrations, amending
2 R.S.39:3-4 and P.L.1989, c.326, and supplementing Title 39 of the
3 Revised Statutes

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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

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

14 Such registration shall be made in the following manner: An
15 application in writing, signed by the applicant or by an agent or officer,
16 in case the applicant is a corporation, shall be made to the director or
17 the director's agent, on forms prepared and supplied by the director,
18 containing the name, street address of the residence or the business of
19 the owner, mailing address, if different from the street address of the
20 owner's residence or business, and age of the owner, together with a
21 description of the character of the automobile or motorcycle, including
22 the name of the maker and the vehicle identification number, or the
23 manufacturer's number or the number assigned by the director if the
24 vehicle does not have a vehicle identification number, and any other
25 statement that may be required by the director. A post office box shall
26 appear on the application only as part of a mailing address that is
27 submitted by the owner, agent or officer, as the case may be, in
28 addition to the street address of the applicant's residence or business;
29 provided, however, the director shall permit a person who was a
30 victim of a violation of N.J.S.2C:12-10, N.J.S.2C:14-2, or
31 N.J.S.2C:25-17 et seq., to use as a mailing address a post office box
32 in a county other than the county where the applicant resides. An
33 owner whose last address appears on the records of the division as a
34 post office box shall change his address on his application for renewal

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

11 Thereupon the director shall have the power to grant a registration
12 certificate to the owner of any motor vehicle, if over 17 years of age,
13 application for the registration having been properly made and the fee
14 therefor paid, and the vehicle being of a type that complies with the
15 requirements of this title. The form and contents of the registration
16 certificate to be issued shall be determined by the director.

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

20 The director shall maintain a record of all registration certificates
21 issued, and of the contents thereof.

22 Every registration shall expire and the registration certificate
23 thereof become void on the last day of the twelfth calendar month
24 following the calendar month in which the certificate was issued;
25 provided, however, that the director may, at his discretion, require
26 registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates thereof which
27 shall become void, on a date fixed by him, which date shall not be
28 sooner than three months nor later than 26 months after the date of
29 issuance of such certificates, and the fees for such registrations,
30 including any other fees or charges collected in connection with the
31 registration fee, shall be fixed by the director in amounts
32 proportionately less or greater than the fees established by law. The
33 director may fix the expiration date for registration certificates at a
34 date other than 12 months if the director determines that the change
35 is necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in implementing
36 the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of Title 39 or for
37 other good cause.

38 All motorcycles for which registrations have been issued prior to
39 the effective date of P.L.1989, c.167 and which are scheduled to
40 expire between November 1 and March 31 shall, upon renewal, be
41 issued registrations by the director which shall expire on a date fixed
42 by him, but in no case shall that expiration date be earlier than April
43 30 nor later than October 31. The fees for the renewal of the
44 motorcycle registrations authorized under this paragraph shall be fixed
45 by the director in an amount proportionately less or greater than the
46 fee established by R.S.39:3-21.

1 Application forms for all renewals of registrations for passenger
2 automobiles shall be sent to the last addresses of owners of motor
3 vehicles and motorcycles, as they appear on the records of the
4 division.

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

7 Any police officer is authorized to remove any unregistered vehicle
8 from the public highway to a storage space or garage, and the expense
9 involved in such removal and storing of the vehicle shall be borne by
10 the owner of the vehicle, except that the expense shall be borne by the
11 lessee of a leased vehicle.

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

18 The director may extend the expiration date of a registration
19 certificate without payment of a proportionate fee when the director
20 determines that such extension is necessary, appropriate or convenient
21 to the implementation of vehicle inspection requirements. If any
22 registration certificate is so extended, the owner shall pay upon
23 renewal the full registration fee for the period fixed by the director as
24 if no extension had been granted.

25 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall make a reasonable effort to
26 notify any lessor whose name and address is on file with the division,
27 or any other lessor the division may determine it is necessary to notify,
28 of the requirements of this amendatory act.

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

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31 2. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.326 (C.39:3-9b) is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 2. Each application for a driver's license, or a renewal thereof,
34 required by R.S.39:3-10 shall contain the street address of the place
35 of residence or business of the licensee at the time of application or
36 renewal. A post office box shall appear on a driver's license
37 application only as part of a mailing address that is submitted by the
38 licensee in addition to the street address of the licensee's residence or
39 business; provided however, the director shall permit a person who
40 was a victim of a violation of N.J.S.2C:12-10, N.J.S.2C:14-2 or
41 N.J.S.2C:25-17 et seq. to use as a mailing address a post office box in
42 a county other than the county where the applicant resides. A licensee
43 whose last address appears on the records of the division as a post
44 office box shall change the address on the application for renewal to
45 the street address of the licensee's residence or business and, if

1 different from the street address, his mailing address.

2 (cf: P.L.1989, c.326, s.2)

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4 3. (New Section) Pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative
5 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the director,
6 in consultation with the Attorney General, may promulgate rules and
7 regulations to effectuate the purposes of P.L. , c. (now pending
8 before the Legislature as this bill).

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10 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 Under this bill, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles
16 would be required to permit victims of stalking, sexual assault and
17 domestic violence to use as an address on a license or registration a
18 post office box in a county other than the county where the person
19 resides. Under current law, a post office box may appear on a driver's
20 license or registration only as part of a mailing address that also
21 includes the street address of the licensee's residence or business. The
22 purpose of the bill is to protect victims of these offenses from further
23 injury or harrassment by an assailant.

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29 Permits certain crime victims to use post office box as address for
driver's license and registration.