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1 AN ACT concerning the transportation of certain house type
2 semitrailers or trailers and amending R.S.39:3-8 ¹and P.L.1973,
3 c.319¹.

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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.39:3-8 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-8. The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile
10 manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model year shall pay
11 to the director for each registration a fee of \$14.00 for each such
12 vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700
13 pounds, a fee of \$23.00 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's
14 shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800
15 pounds, and a fee of \$44.00 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's
16 shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds. The applicant for
17 registration for any passenger automobile manufactured in model year
18 1971 and thereafter, except as determined hereinafter, shall pay to the
19 director for each registration a fee of \$17.00 for each such vehicle
20 having a manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a
21 fee of \$28.00 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping
22 weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800 pounds,
23 and a fee of \$51.00 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's
24 shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds. The applicant for
25 registration for any 1980 or thereafter model year passenger
26 automobile registered on or after March 1, 1979 shall pay to the
27 director for each registration a fee of \$25.00 for each such vehicle
28 having a manufacturer's shipping weight not greater than 3,500 pounds
29 and a fee of \$50.00 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping
30 weight in excess of 3,500 pounds. The director shall determine
31 manufacturer's shipping weight and model year for each passenger

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 ATC committee amendments adopted December 11, 1997.

1 automobile on the basis of the information contained in the certificate
2 of origin, the application for registration or for renewal of registration,
3 or the records of the division, or any or all of these; and any case in
4 which the manufacturer's shipping weight of any particular passenger
5 automobile is unavailable, or in doubt or dispute, the director may
6 require that such automobile be weighed on a scale designated by him,
7 and such actual weight shall be considered the manufacturer's shipping
8 weight for the purposes of this section; but in all cases the director's
9 determination of the manufacturer's shipping weight of any such
10 automobile shall be final. The applicant for registration for passenger
11 automobile shall also pay to the director the inspection fee fixed in
12 R.S. 39:8-2 in addition to the fees described hereinabove.

13 The director may also license private utility and house type
14 semitrailers and trailers with a gross load not in excess of 2,000
15 pounds at a fee of \$4.00 per annum and all other such utility and
16 house-type semitrailers and trailers at \$9.00 per annum. Application
17 for such registration shall be made on a blank to be furnished by the
18 division and the application shall contain a statement to the effect that
19 the vehicle so registered will not be used for the commercial
20 transportation of goods, wares and merchandise, or for hire.

21 Except as provided in R.S.39:3-84 for recreation vehicles, no
22 private utility or house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside width
23 of more than 96 inches, a maximum height of 13 feet 6 inches, a
24 maximum length for a single vehicle of more than 35 feet, a maximum
25 length for a semitrailer and its towing vehicle of more than 45 feet, and
26 a maximum length for a trailer and its towing vehicle of more than 50
27 feet, shall be operated on any highway in this State, except that a
28 vehicle exceeding the above limitations may be operated when a
29 special permit so to operate is secured in advance from the director.

30 A house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside width of no more
31 than 16 feet shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if
32 the vehicle is a manufactured home on a transportation system that is
33 designed in accordance with the "Manufactured Home Construction
34 and Safety Standards," 24 CFR part 3280.901 et seq., promulgated by
35 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as
36 amended and supplemented, provided that the operator complies with
37 the provisions of this Title and the rules and regulations issued
38 thereunder. If such a vehicle has an outside width of more than 16
39 feet, it shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if it is
40 transported on a commercial type low-bed trailer, semitrailer or
41 properly registered dolly wheels pursuant to rules and regulations
42 established by the director. The application for such permit shall be
43 accompanied by a fee fixed by the director. A special permit issued by
44 the director shall be in the possession of the operator of the vehicle for
45 which such permit was issued. In computing any dimensions of a
46 vehicle, for the purposes of this section, there shall not be included in

1 the dimensional limitations safety equipment such as mirrors or lights,
2 provided such appliances do not exceed the overall limitations
3 established by the director by rule or regulation.

4 (cf: P.L.1995, c.397, s.2)

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6 ¹2. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.319 (C.39:3-20.1) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 1. In addition to the motor vehicle registration provisions
9 authorized pursuant to this chapter, the director may issue, upon
10 application on a form prescribed by him, a registration certificate and
11 registration plates for trucks, tractors, trailers and semitrailers that are
12 empty and being transported from one terminal to another, or from
13 the place of sale to the registrant's terminal or place of business, or
14 are empty and being transported for the purpose of having additional
15 equipment added or lettering affixed.

16 The director may issue, upon application on the form prescribed by
17 the director, a registration certificate and registration plates for mobile
18 and manufactured homes being transported from the place of
19 manufacture to the registrant's terminal or place of business, or being
20 transported for the purpose of delivering the mobile or manufactured
21 home to a final point of delivery.

22 The annual fee for the issuance of each set of such plates shall be
23 \$25.00. Such plates are to be in the form prescribed by the director
24 and shall be marked in a manner to indicate the vehicle is "in-transit
25 empty."¹

26 (cf: P.L.1973, c.319, s.1)

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28 ¹[2.]3.¹ (New section) The Department of Transportation shall,
29 within 180 days of the effective date of this act, adopt rules and
30 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
31 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of
32 this act.

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34 ¹[3.]4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 Revises width restrictions for transportation of certain house type
40 semitrailers or trailers.