

ASSEMBLY, No. 2852

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning exemptions from payment of certain motor
2 vehicle fees and amending P.L.1990, c.8.

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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 68 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-63) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 68. a. In addition to the registration fees imposed pursuant to
10 Article 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the Director
11 of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall impose and collect additional
12 registration fees as follows:

13 (1) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as
14 defined by R.S.39:1-1 that were manufactured in any model year prior
15 to the 1989 model year, the additional fee shall be \$15, except that on
16 and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50, and on
17 and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and on and
18 after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$7.50;

19 (2) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as
20 defined by R.S.39:1-1, that were manufactured in model year 1989 and
21 thereafter, the additional fee shall be \$40, except that on and after
22 January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$33.50, and on and after
23 January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$27 and on and after
24 January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$20 for the first two years
25 of registration or renewal and \$15, except that on and after January 1,
26 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50, and on and after January 1,
27 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and on and after January 1, 2000
28 the additional fee shall be \$7.50 for each year thereafter;

29 (3) For all commercial motor vehicles as defined in R.S.39:1-1, the
30 additional fee shall be \$75, except that on and after January 1, 1998
31 the additional fee shall be \$62.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the
32 additional fee shall be \$50 and on and after January 1, 2000 the
33 additional fee shall be \$37.50;

34 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3)

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 of this subsection, the additional fee on motorcycle registrations shall
2 be \$15, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee
3 shall be \$12.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee
4 shall be \$10 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall
5 be \$7.50 and further provided the additional registration fee on
6 noncommercial trucks registered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968,
7 c.429 (C.39:3-8.1) shall be \$50, except that on and after January 1,
8 1997 the additional fee collected on noncommercial trucks registered
9 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, c.429 (C.39:3-8.1) shall be \$15 for
10 any vehicle manufactured in any model year prior to the 1996 model
11 year and for any vehicle manufactured in the model year 1996 and
12 thereafter, the additional fee shall be \$40 for the first two years of
13 registration or renewal and \$15 for each year thereafter and on and
14 after January 1, 1998 the additional fee collected on noncommercial
15 trucks shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (1)
16 and (2) of this subsection;

17 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3)
18 of this subsection, there shall not be any additional fee imposed on any
19 vehicle registered pursuant to R.S.39:3-24.

20 b. Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be
21 collected on registrations issued and renewed on or after July 1, 1990.

22 (1) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section prior to
23 October 1, 1991 shall be remitted to the New Jersey Automobile Full
24 Insurance Underwriting Association created by section 16 of
25 P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:30E-4) and shall be income to the association for
26 purposes of section 20 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:30E-8).

27 (2) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on or
28 after October 1, 1991 through December 31, 1996 shall be remitted to
29 the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund created pursuant
30 to section 23 of this 1990 amendatory and supplementary act.

31 (3) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on and
32 after January 1, 1997, shall be remitted to the General Fund and so
33 much thereof as is required pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73
34 (C.27:1B-20) shall be credited to the "Transportation Trust Fund
35 Account" created by section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-20), such
36 credited funds to be used for transportation projects, pursuant to the
37 "New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act of 1984,"
38 P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-1 et al.).

39 c. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection a. of this section to
40 the contrary, no fees shall be imposed pursuant to this section on a
41 registration for which no fee is presently collected pursuant to Article
42 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or on a registration
43 for a motor vehicle, except commercial vehicles, if the registrant or,
44 in the case of a leased vehicle, the lessee is eligible for pharmaceutical
45 assistance to the aged and disabled pursuant to P.L.1975, c.194
46 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or is 65 years of age or older and eligible for

1 medical assistance pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).
2 In the case of a leased vehicle, documentation verifying that the
3 vehicle will be leased for the registration term to a lessee who is
4 entitled to the exemption provided for in this subsection shall be
5 provided according to the requirements established by the Director of
6 the Division of Motor Vehicles. The lessor shall not collect from the
7 lessee any payment for the registration of the vehicle that exceeds the
8 amount that the lessor paid to register the vehicle.
9 (cf: P.L.1995,c.108,s.17)

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill amends N.J.S.A.17:33B-63, which establishes additional
17 motor vehicle registration fees, to broaden the exemption from paying
18 the fees to include persons who are 65 years of age or older who are
19 eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid program. The
20 law currently exempts persons who are eligible for the Pharmaceutical
21 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program. Persons who
22 qualify for Medicaid do not qualify for PAAD because they have full
23 coverage for the cost of pharmaceuticals through the Medicaid
24 program, although the income eligibility limits for the Medicaid
25 program are lower than those of the PAAD program.

26 Extending the exemption from payment of the additional motor
27 vehicle fees to low income senior citizens who qualify for Medicaid
28 and, therefore, do not qualify for PAAD, ensures that all senior
29 citizens in the State whose income is below the PAAD program limits
30 qualify for the motor vehicle fee exemption.

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35 Exempts senior citizens who qualify for Medicaid from certain motor
36 vehicle registration fees.