

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 381, *approved January 19, 1998*  
Senate, No. 1435 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain at-fault accidents and amending P.L.1990,  
2 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 26 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-14) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 26. The commissioner shall, within 90 days of the effective date of  
10 this act, promulgate a schedule of automobile insurance eligibility  
11 points by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the "Administrative  
12 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.). The schedule  
13 shall assess a point valuation to driving experience related violations  
14 and shall include assessments for violations of lawful speed limits  
15 within such increments as determined by the commissioner, other  
16 moving violations, and at-fault accidents. For the purposes of this  
17 section, an "at-fault accident" means an at-fault accident which results  
18 in payment by the insurer of at least a \$500 claim; except that an at-  
19 fault accident shall not mean an accident occurring as a result of  
20 operation of any motor vehicle <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>with a visible flashing blue light<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup>  
21 in response to a medical emergency if the operator at the time of the  
22 accident was a physician responding to the medical emergency.

23 (cf: P.L.1990, c.8, s.26)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 Provides exception to definition of "at-fault accident" for accidents  
30 involving physicians responding to medical emergencies using flashing  
31 blue light.

**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:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SCM committee amendments adopted October 28, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly AIN committee amendments adopted December 11, 1997.