

SENATE, No. 1559

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CAFIERO

1 AN ACT concerning certain motor vehicle points and amending
2 P.L.1982, c. 43.

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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 5 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.9) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 5. Points recorded against a licensee shall be reduced at the rate of
10 three points for each 12 consecutive months in which the licensee has
11 not committed any violation either resulting in the assessment of points
12 or in the suspension of driving privileges. Points recorded against a
13 licensee shall also be reduced by three points, where the licensee
14 attends and satisfactorily completes an approved license improvement
15 course; provided, however, that no licensee may receive point
16 reduction credits for completion of the same or a similar course within
17 two years of having completed the original course. Points recorded
18 against a licensee shall also be reduced by two points if the licensee
19 attends and satisfactorily completes an approved motor vehicle
20 defensive driving course pursuant to section 55 of P.L.1990, c.8
21 (C.17:33B-45), except that no licensee may receive point reduction
22 credits for completion of an approved motor vehicle defensive driving
23 course within ~~[five]~~ three years of having completed a previously
24 approved motor vehicle defensive driving course. No point totals shall
25 be reduced below zero. Computation of the time periods used in
26 granting point reduction credits shall in all cases be based upon the
27 respective dates of commission of the offenses for which the licensee
28 was convicted and assessed points.
29 (cf: P.L.1990, c.8, s.54)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

STATEMENT

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This bill amends the statute that reduces by two the number of motor vehicle points assessed against a driver's record by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the completion of an approved motor vehicle defensive driving course only once every five years. The bill allows such a reduction if the driver completes another such a course after only three years. In so doing, the bill makes this provision similar to P.L.1995, c.308 (C.17:33B-45.1), which requires private passenger automobile insurers to reduce insurance rates for insureds for a three-year period after completion of such a course.

Provides DMV point reduction for completion of defensive driving course once every three years.