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SYNOPSIS

Waives certain commercial driver license fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on November 7, 2022, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning commercial driver licenses and amending
2 P.L.1990, c.103.

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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 22 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.30) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 22. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:3-14 or any other
10 sections of law which permit or require the issuance of a driver's
11 license without charge, the required fee for a commercial driver
12 license examination or learner's permit shall be \$35. A permit
13 issued before April 1, 1992 shall be valid for a period of two years
14 from the date of issuance, unless another time period is established
15 for such permits in federal regulations promulgated by the Secretary
16 of the United States Department of Transportation. The permit
17 holder shall have unlimited testing opportunities consistent with the
18 scheduling obligations of the **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** Motor
19 Vehicle Commission and the need to provide testing opportunities
20 to all persons affected by this act. For an examination or learner's
21 permit issued on or after April 1, 1992, the **【director】** chief
22 administrator may limit the permit's validity to a specific length of
23 time or number of testing opportunities.

24 After the issuance of a commercial driver license, the
25 examination or learner's permit fee for an additional endorsement or
26 license class shall be \$10 per endorsement or class.

27 In addition to fees for a basic driver license and any non-
28 commercial endorsement and renewals thereof, the required fee for
29 a 48-month licensing period shall be \$18 for each commercial
30 driver license and renewal thereof and \$2 for each endorsement and
31 renewal thereof. In addition, the **【director】** chief administrator
32 shall charge a fee of \$6 for a digitized picture of the licensee.

33 The commercial driver license shall expire on the last day of the
34 48th calendar month following the calendar month in which the
35 license was issued. However, the **【director】** chief administrator
36 may, at **【his】** the chief administrator's discretion, issue licenses and
37 endorsements which shall expire on a date fixed by **【him】** the chief
38 administrator. The fee for such licenses or endorsements shall be
39 fixed in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fee
40 otherwise established.

41 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or change any
42 expiration date on any New Jersey commercial driver license issued
43 prior to the operative date of P.L.2001, c.391 (C.39:3-10f4 et al.)
44 and, unless a licensee's driving privileges are otherwise suspended

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SMV committee amendments adopted November 7, 2022.

1 or revoked, except as provided in R.S.39:3-10, the license shall
2 remain valid until its expiration date.

3 The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
4 Commission shall not charge a transfer or licensing fee to a veteran
5 or the veteran's spouse for the transfer of a ¹valid¹ commercial
6 driver license from the state in which the veteran or the veteran's
7 spouse was previously domiciled. ¹The chief administrator shall
8 charge an appropriate fee for any required fingerprinting or
9 background checks of the veteran or the veteran's spouse.¹

10 As used in this section, "veteran" means a person who received
11 an honorable discharge from a branch of the active or reserve
12 component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National
13 Guard of any state. ¹"Veteran's spouse" means the spouse, civil
14 union partner, or domestic partner of a veteran.¹

15 ¹Satisfactory proof of honorable discharge shall be provided by
16 the veteran or the veteran's spouse. Presentation of a DD-214, DD-
17 215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, an NGB-
18 22, or other approved separation form as outlined by all branches of
19 the Armed Forces reflecting an honorable discharge shall be
20 satisfactory proof of honorable discharge status.¹

21 (cf: P.L.2001, c.391, s.6)

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23 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
24 following enactment.