

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 209, *approved January 12, 2026*
Senate, No. 2697 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT permitting certain motor vehicles to display both amber
2 and green warning lights and amending R.S.39:3-54 and
3 R.S.39:3-50.
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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.39:3-54 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-54. a. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor
10 vehicle other than a headlamp, spot lamp or auxiliary driving lamp
11 which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300
12 candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike
13 the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of
14 more than 75 feet from the vehicle. Flashing lights are prohibited on
15 motor vehicles, motorcycles and motor-drawn vehicles except as a
16 means for indicating a right or left turn; provided, however, any
17 vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this article shall be
18 equipped, with lamps for the purpose of warning the operators of other
19 vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the
20 exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing, and
21 when so equipped, shall display such warning in addition to any other
22 warning signals required by law. The lamps used to display such
23 warning shall be of a type approved by the **Director of the Division of**
24 **Motor Vehicles** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
25 Vehicle Commission; those used to display warning to the front shall
26 be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
27 practicable, and shall display simultaneously flashing white or amber
28 lights, or any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps
29 used to display such warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same
30 level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and shall show
31 simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color
32 between amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a
33 distance of not less than 500 feet at any time when lighted lamps are
34 required. The two front and two rear turn signals shall be flashed
35 simultaneously to display such warning on vehicles of the types
36 mentioned in **section 39:3-64** R.S.39:3-64.

37 b. In addition to the flashing devices permitted in subsection a. of
38 this section, an omnibus may be equipped with two flashing devices
39 for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles and law

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 STR committee amendments adopted June 3, 2024.

²Senate floor amendments adopted October 28, 2024.

1 enforcement officials that an emergency situation exists within the
2 omnibus.

3 These devices shall be capable of activation by the operator of the
4 omnibus and shall be of a type approved by the **【Director of the**
5 **Division of Motor Vehicles】** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
6 Motor Vehicle Commission.

7 They shall be mounted one at the front and one at the rear of the
8 omnibus and shall display flashing red lights which shine on the
9 roadway under the vehicle.

10 c. ¹**【In】** Under the authority of the Department of Transportation
11 and without any additional permit required by the New Jersey Motor
12 Vehicle Commission, in¹ addition to the amber light authorized to be
13 displayed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, one or more green
14 lights may be affixed to any motor vehicle that is used for the removal
15 or prevention of ice and snow on roadways, and which vehicle is
16 owned and operated by the State ¹, any bi-state or interstate
17 governmental agency or authority,¹ or any local government unit, ²or
18 is contracted by the Department of Transportation for such use,²
19 except that the green lights may only be displayed on such vehicle
20 when the vehicle is engaged in an operation that presents a vehicular
21 traffic hazard that requires the exercise of unusual care in approaching,
22 overtaking, or passing the vehicle, and the vehicle also displays the
23 amber light or lights required pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
24 (cf: P.L.1985, c.536, s.1)

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26 2. R.S.39:3-50 is amended to read as follows:

27 39:3-50. All lamps and reflectors, which display a light visible
28 from directly in front of a vehicle as authorized by this subtitle,
29 shall exhibit lights substantially white, yellow or amber in color.

30 (a) The color of light emitted or reflected by exterior lamps or
31 reflectors on a vehicle shall be as follows, except as otherwise
32 provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section:

33 White when the lamp is a headlamp, or spot lamp, or illuminates
34 a license plate or a destination sign; or is located on the outside
35 limit of a side car or other attachment on a motor cycle;

36 Substantially white or amber when the lamp is a side-cowl or
37 fender lamp, running-board or other courtesy lamp, front parking
38 lamp, back-up lamp, auxiliary driving lamp; or a turn signal on or
39 facing the front;

40 Substantially red or amber when the lamp is a turn signal or a
41 stop lamp on or facing the rear;

42 Red when any other lamp or any reflector is on the rear or on
43 either side at or near the rear, except as otherwise provided in
44 paragraph (f) of **【section 39:3-61】** R.S.39:3-61 for a combination
45 marker lamp;

46 Amber when any other lamp or reflector is on the front or on
47 either side other than at or near the rear.

1 (b) Lamps and reflectors on projecting loads shall emit or reflect
2 light with color as provided in section 10 of ¹~~["this act"]~~ P.L.1964,
3 c.136 (C.39:3-61.4)¹.

4 (c) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment
5 upon any street or highway equipped with any device or lamp
6 thereon capable of or displaying a light of any other color than
7 permitted by this section, except: an authorized emergency vehicle,
8 an authorized school bus, ~~["or"]~~ a vehicle authorized by a permit
9 issued by the chief administrator, or a vehicle authorized to display
10 green lights pursuant to subsection c. of R.S.39:3-54.

11 (d) A permit authorizing a vehicle to be equipped with a lamp
12 capable of or displaying a flashing light, except as provided in
13 ~~["39:3-54"]~~ R.S.39:3-54 or a light of a color other than permitted by
14 this section, visible from directly in front of said vehicle, may be
15 issued by the ¹~~["director"]~~ chief administrator¹ when necessary, in
16 ¹~~["his"]~~ the chief administrator's¹ discretion, for the reasonable and
17 safe movement of traffic. The permit shall specify the type and
18 color of such lamp and the conditions under which a person may
19 drive or move the vehicle with said lamp displaying a light. The
20 permit shall be valid only when the specifications and conditions
21 contained therein are complied with. The chief administrator shall
22 collect a \$25 fee for the initial issuance and for each subsequent
23 renewal of the permit for each vehicle for which the applicant seeks
24 to use such a light, provided, however, that no fee shall be charged
25 for a permit authorizing the use of a light that is red or blue. The
26 fee set forth in this section shall not apply to a motor vehicle
27 registered at no fee pursuant to R.S.39:3-27. The fees collected
28 pursuant to this section shall be considered revenue of the
29 commission and shall not be subject to the calculation of
30 proportional revenue remitted to the commission pursuant to section
31 105 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-36).

32 The chief administrator may cancel or revoke a permit issued
33 under authority of this section whenever the conditions for its
34 issuance no longer exist or on any other reasonable grounds.
35 (cf: P.L.2007, c.242, s.5)

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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warning lights.