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SYNOPSIS

Establishes visual standards for certain kinds of identification issued to noncitizens; requires registered voters to present identification when voting at polling place.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain kinds of identification, amending
2 various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing Title 19 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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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. (New section) a. Prior to receiving a ballot, a voter shall
9 present for inspection by the district board, in full view of the
10 challengers, a suitable and valid identifying document that bears the
11 voter's name, which may be, but is not limited to, the following:

12 (1) a New Jersey driver's license;

13 (2) a New Jersey REAL ID identification card or license issued
14 in accordance with the federal "REAL ID Act of 2005," 49 U.S.C.
15 s.30301;

16 (3) an identification card issued by the New Jersey Motor
17 Vehicle Commission pursuant to P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.2 et
18 seq.);

19 (4) a United States passport

20 (5) a voter registration card;

21 (6) a municipal, State, or employment identification card;

22 (7) a birth certificate;

23 (8) a United States military or veteran identification card;

24 (9) a property tax and assessment statement or card;

25 (10) an insurance or public assistance identification card;

26 (11) a high school or college identification card;

27 (12) a medical marijuana card; or

28 (13) any other identifying document that the Secretary of State
29 has determined to be acceptable for this purpose.

30 b. If a resident is unable to provide identification pursuant to
31 subsection a. of this section, the resident shall provide two forms of
32 identification from the following forms of approved supplemental
33 identification before casting their vote:

34 (1) a utility bill, such as phone, internet, water, gas, sewage,
35 electric or television, with name and address present;

36 (2) mortgage or rental statement; or

37 (3) mail or an envelope with the voter's address visible from a
38 governmental agency or utility company.

39 c. If a voter does not present an identifying document to the
40 district board, or if the information contained in the identifying
41 document does not appear to be the information of the voter
42 presenting the document, the qualification or entitlement of the
43 voter to vote may be challenged.

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45 2. R.S.19:15-24 is amended to read as follows:

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.

1 19:15-24. The district boards shall not give a ballot to any
2 person unless they shall be satisfied that such person is in all
3 respects qualified and entitled to vote; and for the purpose of
4 satisfying themselves as to the right of any person who shall claim a
5 right to vote they shall have power to examine such person, and any
6 other person or persons, under oath or affirmation, touching such
7 right, except as hereinbefore restricted. The board shall determine
8 the right of the voter to vote, after making use of, and giving due
9 weight to, the evidence afforded by his signature, if any,
10 identification pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of
11 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
12 such answers, and an affidavit which states the challenged voter's
13 qualifications to vote and a suitable identifying document, as
14 provided under section 2 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.1). If any
15 member of the board shall give or assent to give a ballot to any
16 person challenged, without requiring him to take the oath or
17 affirmation hereinbefore prescribed to be made upon such
18 challenge, and the person shall not be qualified and entitled to vote,
19 the member so giving or assenting to give a ballot, shall be deemed
20 to have given to such person a ballot, knowing it to be illegal. The
21 question as to the giving of the ballot to the person shall be put in
22 the following form: "Shall a ballot be given to this person by this
23 board?"

24 If a majority of the board shall decide to give a ballot to such
25 voter or in case of a tie vote, the voter shall be given a ballot and
26 allowed to vote. If a majority of the board shall decide against
27 giving a ballot to the voter no ballot shall be given. The board upon
28 demand of a member of the board or any other citizen shall
29 forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of such person and deliver
30 the same to a peace officer, who shall forthwith arrest him, and the
31 right to challenge voters shall exist until the ballot shall have been
32 deposited in the ballot box.

33 Every such challenge and the determination of the board shall in
34 every instance be recorded in the signature comparison record, in
35 the column "Sig. Comp. by," used at the election at which the
36 challenge has been made.

37 Any member of a district board who refuses or neglects to
38 comply with the provisions of this section may be summarily
39 removed from office by the county board, or any judge of the
40 Superior Court assigned to the county.

41 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.5)

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43 3. R.S.39:3-10 is amended to read as follows:

44 39:3-10. a. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public
45 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while
46 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to
47 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a

1 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to
2 that person in accordance with this article.

3 b. A person under 18 years of age shall not be issued a basic
4 license to drive motor vehicles, and a person shall not be issued a
5 validated permit, including a validated examination permit, until the
6 applicant has passed a satisfactory examination and other
7 requirements as to the applicant's ability as an operator. The
8 examination shall include: a test of the applicant's vision; the
9 applicant's ability to understand traffic control devices; the
10 applicant's knowledge of safe driving practices, including the
11 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall
12 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a
13 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
14 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
15 and following another vehicle too closely; the applicant's
16 knowledge of operating a motor vehicle in a manner that safely
17 shares the roadway with pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, riders of
18 motorized-scooters, and other non-motorized vehicles, which shall
19 include, but not be limited to, a driver's responsibilities when
20 approaching and passing a pedestrian or person operating a bicycle
21 or personal conveyance on the roadway pursuant to P.L.2021, c.194
22 (C.39:4-92.4) and the penalties for failing to comply with these
23 responsibilities, recognizing bicycle lanes, navigating intersections
24 with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a vehicle without
25 endangering pedestrians and cyclists; the applicant's knowledge of
26 the effects that ingestion of alcohol or drugs has on a person's
27 ability to operate a motor vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of the
28 dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles and
29 techniques for the safe operation and proper maintenance of a motor
30 vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of portions of the mechanism of
31 motor vehicles as is necessary to ensure the safe operation of a
32 vehicle of the kind or kinds indicated by the applicant; and the
33 applicant's knowledge of the laws and ordinary usages of the road.
34 The examination shall be made available in English and each of the
35 three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in the
36 State, as determined by the chief administrator. The chief
37 administrator shall periodically, and at least every five years, verify
38 the three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in
39 the State.

40 c. A person shall not sit for an examination for any permit
41 without exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable by the
42 commission, unless that person is a high school student
43 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved
44 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,
45 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of
46 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1).

47 Prior to taking an examination for any permit, a person shall
48 watch a video created by the commission, in conjunction with the

1 Attorney General, explaining the rights and responsibilities of a
2 driver stopped by a law enforcement officer. The video shall be
3 used for informational purposes only and shall not be used in any
4 criminal proceeding involving a driver stopped by a law
5 enforcement officer.

6 The commission may waive the written law knowledge
7 examination for any person 18 years of age or older possessing a
8 valid driver's license issued by any other state, the District of
9 Columbia, or the United States Territories of American Samoa,
10 Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin
11 Islands. The commission shall be required to provide that person
12 with a booklet that highlights those motor vehicle laws unique to
13 New Jersey. A road test shall be required for a probationary license
14 and serve as a demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a
15 vehicle of the class designated. During the road test, an applicant
16 may use a rear visibility system, parking sensors, or other
17 technology installed on the motor vehicle that enables the applicant
18 to view areas directly behind the vehicle or alerts the applicant of
19 obstacles while parking.

20 d. A person shall not sit for a road test unless that person
21 exhibits photo identification deemed acceptable by the commission.
22 A high school student who has completed a course of behind-the-
23 wheel automobile driving education approved by the State
24 Department of Education and conducted in a public, parochial, or
25 private school of this State, who has been issued a special learner's
26 permit pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1) prior
27 to January 1, 2003, shall not be required to exhibit photo
28 identification in order to sit for a road test. The commission may
29 waive the road test for any person 18 years of age or older
30 possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state, the
31 District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of American
32 Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin
33 Islands. The road test shall be given on public streets, where
34 practicable and feasible, but may be preceded by an off-street
35 screening process to assess basic skills. The commission shall
36 approve locations for the road test which pose no more than a
37 minimal risk of injury to the applicant, the examiner, and other
38 motorists. New locations for the road test shall not be approved
39 unless the test can be given on public streets.

40 e. A person who successfully completes a road test for a
41 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a
42 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of
43 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license
44 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of the vehicles to
45 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic
46 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road
47 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when
48 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more

1 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or
2 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.
3 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle
4 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of
5 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a
6 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine
7 displacement.

8 f. A person issued a motorcycle license pursuant to this section
9 may be issued a standard motorcycle license or a REAL ID
10 motorcycle license. The chief administrator shall require an
11 applicant for a standard motorcycle license to provide as proof of
12 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
13 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
14 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
15 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
16 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
17 applicant for the standard motorcycle license shall be the same for
18 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
19 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
20 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
21 remain in effect.

22 In addition to requiring the person to submit satisfactory proof of
23 identity and age, the commission shall require the person to
24 provide:

25 (1) as a condition for obtaining a standard motorcycle license,
26 proof of the person's social security number and one document
27 providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New Jersey
28 resident.

29 If the person does not have a social security number, the person
30 shall either:

31 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
32 Identification Number; or

33 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
34 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o
35 et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
36 number; or

37 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID motorcycle license:
38 two documents providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New
39 Jersey resident; proof of the person's social security number or
40 verification of ineligibility for a social security number in
41 accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
42 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
43 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the person's presence
44 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

45 A standard motorcycle license shall indicate that the license shall
46 not be accepted as identification for an official purpose, as that term
47 is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any

1 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
2 regulations adopted thereunder.

3 g. The commission shall issue a standard basic driver's license
4 or a REAL ID basic driver's license to operate a motor vehicle other
5 than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of age who previously
6 has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle in this State or
7 another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1) operated a passenger
8 automobile in compliance with the requirements of this Title for not
9 less than one year, not including any period of suspension or
10 postponement, from the date of issuance of a probationary license
11 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been
12 assessed more than two motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted
13 in the previous year for a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of
14 P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), section 1 of P.L.1992, c.189
15 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129, N.J.S.2C:11-5, section 1 of P.L.2017,
16 c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3), subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other
17 motor vehicle-related violation the commission determines to be
18 significant and applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an
19 examination of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle
20 pursuant to this section.

21 h. The commission shall expand the driver's license
22 examination by 20 percent. The additional questions to be added
23 shall consist solely of questions developed in conjunction with the
24 Department of Health concerning the use of alcohol or drugs as
25 related to highway safety. The commission shall develop, in
26 conjunction with the Department of Health, supplements to the
27 driver's manual which shall include information necessary to
28 answer any question on the driver's license examination concerning
29 alcohol or drugs as related to highway safety.

30 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects
31 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance
32 to youthful drivers, including the importance of operating a motor
33 vehicle in a manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians,
34 cyclists, skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-
35 motorized vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to, a
36 driver's responsibilities when approaching and passing a pedestrian
37 or person operating a bicycle or personal conveyance on the
38 roadway pursuant to P.L.2021, c.194 (C.39:4-92.4) and the
39 penalties for failing to comply with these responsibilities,
40 recognizing bicycle lanes, navigating intersections with pedestrians
41 and cyclists, and exiting a vehicle without endangering pedestrians
42 and cyclists, and the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive
43 manner, which shall include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly
44 altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic
45 lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield
46 the right of way, and following another vehicle too closely, after
47 consultation with the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic
48 Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

1 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
2 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
3 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"
4 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on
5 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs
6 or tissues pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

7 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
8 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
9 dangers of failing to comply with this State's motor vehicle traffic
10 laws and the "STOP for Nikhil Safety Pledge" set forth in
11 subsection e. of R.S.39:3-41.

12 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
13 include questions concerning the dangers of carbon monoxide
14 poisoning from motor vehicles and techniques for the safe operation
15 and proper maintenance of a motor vehicle.

16 i. Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor
17 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the
18 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by
19 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's
20 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a
21 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.
22 An applicant for a permit or license who is under 18 years of age,
23 and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile issued
24 by another state or country that is valid or has expired within a time
25 period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the permit
26 and license requirements and penalties applicable to State permit
27 and license applicants who are of the same age, except that if the
28 other state or country has permit or license standards substantially
29 similar to those of this State, the credentials of the other state or
30 country shall be acceptable.

31 j. (1) The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers
32 covering the following classifications:

33 (a) Motorcycles, except that, for the purposes of this section,
34 motorcycle shall not include any three-wheeled motor vehicle
35 equipped with a single cab with glazing enclosing the occupant,
36 seats similar to those of a passenger vehicle or truck, seat belts, and
37 automotive steering or any vehicle defined as a motorcycle,
38 pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, having a motor with a maximum piston
39 displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor that is
40 rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed
41 of no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

42 (b) Omnibuses as classified by R.S.39:3-10.1 and school buses
43 classified under N.J.S.18A:39-1 et seq.

44 (c) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.28)

45 (d) All motor vehicles not included in classifications (a) and (b).
46 A license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
47 as the "basic driver's license" and may be issued as a standard basic
48 driver's license or a REAL ID basic driver's license.

1 (2) Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be
2 a holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under
3 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the person's basic
4 driver's license.

5 (3) A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately,
6 but if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
7 endorsement on the person's basic driver's license. The holder of a
8 basic driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall
9 be authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a
10 maximum piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters
11 or a motor that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a
12 maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

13 k. The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it
14 or a person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is
15 satisfied of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its
16 discretion, issue a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle.
17 The license shall authorize the person to drive any registered
18 vehicle, of the kind or kinds indicated.

19 l. The license shall expire, except as otherwise provided,
20 during the fourth calendar year following the date in which the
21 license was issued and on the same calendar day as the person's date
22 of birth. If the person's date of birth does not correspond to a
23 calendar day of the fourth calendar year, the license shall expire on
24 the last day of the person's birth month.

25 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
26 issue licenses that expire on a date fixed by it. If the commission
27 issues a REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle
28 license to a person who has demonstrated authorization to be
29 present in the United States for a period of time shorter than the
30 standard period of the license, the commission shall fix the
31 expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in which
32 the person is authorized to be present in the United States under
33 federal immigration laws. The commission may renew the person's
34 REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle license
35 only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued presence in the
36 United States is authorized under federal law. The fee for licenses
37 with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall be fixed by the
38 commission in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fee
39 herein established.

40 m. The required fee for a license for the license period shall be
41 as follows, subject to adjustment pursuant to section 16 of
42 P.L.2007, c.335 (C.39:2A-36.1):

43 Standard motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

44 REAL ID motorcycle license: \$29.

45 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

46 Standard basic driver's license: \$18.

47 REAL ID basic driver's license: \$29.

1 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of
2 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
3 commission's satisfaction that the applicant will use the omnibus
4 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
5 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
6 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

7 n. The commission shall issue licenses for the following
8 license period on and after the first day of the calendar month
9 immediately preceding the commencement of the period, the
10 licenses to be effective immediately.

11 o. All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
12 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
13 procedures established by it.

14 p. The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a
15 permit or license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its
16 estimation, not a proper person to be granted a permit or license, but
17 a defect of the applicant shall not debar the applicant from receiving
18 a permit or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
19 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
20 operating a motor vehicle.

21 q. A person issued a basic driver's license pursuant to this
22 section may be issued a standard basic driver's license or a REAL
23 ID basic driver's license. The chief administrator shall require an
24 applicant for a standard basic driver's license to provide as proof of
25 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
26 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
27 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
28 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
29 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
30 applicant for the standard basic driver's license shall be the same for
31 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
32 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
33 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
34 remain in effect.

35 r. In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
36 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
37 shall require the applicant to provide:

38 (1) as a condition for obtaining a permit and standard basic
39 driver's license, proof of the person's social security number and
40 one document providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a
41 New Jersey resident. If the person does not have a social security
42 number, the person shall either:

43 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
44 Identification Number; or

45 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
46 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o
47 et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
48 number; or

1 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID basic driver's
2 license: two documents providing satisfactory proof that the
3 applicant is a New Jersey resident; proof of the applicant's social
4 security number or verification of ineligibility for a social security
5 number in accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-
6 13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
7 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the applicant's
8 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

9 The commission shall issue a driver's license to an individual
10 who is not a citizen of the United States; provided, however, that
11 the design of the driver's license shall be distinctly different in
12 color than those driver's licenses issued to citizens of the United
13 States and include a clear statement on the driver's license that
14 reads: "This document shall not be used as identification to vote in
15 elections."

16 s. A standard basic driver's license shall indicate that the
17 license shall not be accepted as identification for an official
18 purpose, as that term is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005,"
19 Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and
20 any federal regulations adopted thereunder.

21 t. If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
22 document presented by an applicant pursuant to this section is
23 altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the commission shall refuse to
24 grant the permit or license until the time when the document may be
25 verified by the issuing agency to the commission's satisfaction.

26 u. A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
27 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
28 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
29 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
30 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
31 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
32 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
33 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
34 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
35 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
36 technical error by the commission.

37 v. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or extend
38 the expiration of any license issued prior to the date this
39 amendatory and supplementary act becomes operative.

40 w. Any documents and personal information, including an
41 applicant's photograph, obtained by the commission from an
42 applicant for a standard basic driver's license or standard
43 motorcycle license shall be confidential, shall not be considered a
44 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
45 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
46 access to government records and shall not be disclosed by the
47 commission for any purpose related to Title 8 of the United States
48 Code without the informed consent of the applicant, a warrant

1 signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful court order or
2 subpoena, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to
3 prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action where such prohibition
4 or restriction would be contrary to federal law and except that
5 information under this subsection may be shared in accordance with
6 section 2 of P.L.2021, c.139 (C.39:2-3.9) and, excluding an
7 applicant's photograph, section 1 of P.L.2025, c.388 (C.18A:4-2.1).
8 When responding to a warrant, court order, or subpoena, the
9 commission may disclose only those records or information
10 specifically requested in the warrant, court order, or subpoena.

11 Possession of a standard basic driver's license or standard
12 motorcycle license issued pursuant to this section shall not be
13 considered evidence of an individual's citizenship or immigration
14 status and shall not be used as a basis for an investigation, arrest,
15 citation, prosecution, or detention.

16 Information regarding an applicant's Individual Taxpayer
17 Identification Number, social security number, or ineligibility to
18 receive a social security number obtained by the commission for the
19 issuance of a standard motorcycle license or standard basic driver's
20 license, pursuant to this section, shall not be considered a
21 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
22 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
23 access to government records and shall not be disclosed by the
24 commission except where: (1) required by section 11 of P.L.1998,
25 c.1 (C.2A:17-56.60); (2) the applicant provides written informed
26 consent to the disclosure; (3) the requesting entity presents a
27 warrant signed by a State or federal judge, a lawful court order, or a
28 subpoena; (4) required by State or federal law, and to the extent that
29 the disclosure may be necessary to permit the State to participate in
30 the National Driver Register program, as set forth in 49 U.S.C.
31 s.30301 et seq.; (5) the disclosure is in connection with an audit or
32 investigation of identity fraud, driver's license fraud, or non-driver
33 identification card fraud; (6) consistent with section 2 of P.L.2021,
34 c.139 (C.39:2-3.9); (7) consistent with section 1 of P.L.2025, c.388
35 (C.18A:4-2.1), such that information regarding an applicant's
36 Individual Tax Identification Number or social security number
37 may be disclosed solely for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of
38 the data compiled by the New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Data
39 System for Education and Workforce Development; or (8) provided
40 to the Judiciary, such that information regarding an applicant's
41 Individual Tax Identification Number or social security number
42 may be disclosed to the Judiciary solely for the preparation of the
43 juror source list in accordance with N.J.S.2B:20-2.

44 x. As used in this section:

45 "Parking sensors" means proximity sensors which use either
46 electromagnetic or ultrasonic technology and are designed to alert
47 the driver to obstacles while parking.

1 "Rear visibility system" means devices or components installed
2 on a motor vehicle at the time of manufacture that allow a forward
3 facing driver to view a visual image of the area directly behind the
4 vehicle.

5 (cf: P.L.2025, c.388, s.3)

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7 4. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue
10 an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14 years of
11 age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or basic
12 driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true name,
13 correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of satisfactory
14 proof by any veteran, and shall contain other identifying data as
15 certified by the applicant for such identification card. Every
16 application for an identification card shall be signed and verified by
17 the applicant and shall be accompanied by the written consent of at
18 least one parent or the person's legal guardian if the person is under
19 17 years of age and shall be supported by such documentary
20 evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or blindness or
21 disability of such person as the chief administrator may require.

22 A person issued an identification card pursuant to this section
23 may be issued a standard identification card or a REAL ID
24 identification card. The chief administrator shall require any
25 applicant for a standard identification card to provide as proof of
26 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
27 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
28 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
29 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
30 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
31 applicant for the standard probationary license shall be the same for
32 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
33 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
34 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
35 remain in effect.

36 In addition to requiring an applicant for an identification card to
37 submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and, if appropriate,
38 veteran status, the chief administrator also shall require the
39 applicant to provide:

40 (a) as a condition for obtaining a standard identification card,
41 proof of the applicant's social security number and one document
42 providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a New Jersey
43 resident. If the applicant does not have a social security number,
44 the applicant shall either:

45 (i) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
46 Identification Number; or

47 (ii) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
48 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o

1 et al.), that the applicant is not eligible to receive a social security
2 number; or

3 (b) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID identification card:
4 two documents providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a
5 New Jersey resident; proof of the applicant's social security number
6 or verification of ineligibility for a social security number in
7 accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
8 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
9 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the applicant's
10 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

11 The commission shall issue an identification card to an
12 individual who is not a citizen of the United States; provided,
13 however, that the design of the identification card shall be distinctly
14 different in color than those identification cards issued to citizens of
15 the United States and include a clear statement on the identification
16 card that reads: "This document shall not be used as identification
17 to vote in elections."

18 Any documents and personal information, including an
19 applicant's photograph, obtained by the commission from an
20 applicant for a standard identification card shall be confidential,
21 shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L.1963,
22 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the
23 common law concerning access to government records, and shall
24 not be disclosed by the commission for any purposes related to Title
25 8 of the United States Code without the informed consent of the
26 applicant, a warrant signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful
27 court order or subpoena; except that nothing in this section shall be
28 construed to prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action where such
29 prohibition or restriction would be contrary to federal law, and
30 except that information under this subsection may be shared in
31 accordance with section 2 of P.L.2021, c.139 (C.39:2-3.9) and,
32 excluding an applicant's photograph, section 1 of P.L.2025, c.388
33 (C.18A:4-2.1). When responding to a warrant, court order, or
34 subpoena, the commission may disclose only those records or
35 information specifically requested in the warrant, court order, or
36 subpoena.

37 Possession of a standard identification card issued pursuant to
38 this section shall not be considered evidence of an individual's
39 citizenship or immigration status and shall not be used as a basis for
40 an investigation, arrest, citation, prosecution, or detention.

41 Information regarding an applicant's Individual **【Tax】** Taxpayer
42 Identification Number, social security number, or ineligibility to
43 receive a social security number obtained by the commission for the
44 issuance of a standard identification card, pursuant to this section,
45 shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L.1963,
46 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the
47 common law concerning access to government records and shall not
48 be disclosed by the commission except where: (1) required by

1 section 11 of P.L.1998, c.1 (C.2A:17-56.60); (2) the applicant
2 provides written informed consent to the disclosure; (3) the
3 requesting entity presents a warrant signed by a State or federal
4 judge, a lawful court order, or a subpoena; (4) required by State or
5 federal law, and to the extent that the disclosure may be necessary
6 to permit the State to participate in the National Driver Register
7 program, as set forth in 49 U.S.C. s.30301 et seq.; (5) the disclosure
8 is in connection with an audit or investigation of identity fraud,
9 driver's license fraud, or non-driver identification card fraud; (6)
10 consistent with section 2 of P.L.2021, c.139 (C.39:2-3.9); or (7)
11 consistent with section 1 of P.L.2025, c.388 (C.18A:4-2.1), such
12 that information regarding an applicant's Individual Tax
13 Identification Number or social security number may be disclosed
14 solely for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the data
15 compiled by the New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Data System
16 for Education and Workforce Development, established pursuant to
17 that section.

18 If the chief administrator has reasonable cause to suspect that
19 any document presented by an applicant pursuant to this section is
20 altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall
21 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the
22 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief
23 administrator's satisfaction.

24 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
25 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
26 than 60 days.

27 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of
28 an identification card, pursuant to this section, the Chief
29 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,
30 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an
31 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family
32 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of
33 Military Affairs and the Department of **【Veterans'】** Veterans
34 Affairs personal identifying information for any person issued an
35 identification card with a Gold Star Family designation pursuant to
36 this section.

37 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card
38 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for
39 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any
40 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires
41 documentation of veteran status.

42 c. For the purpose of this section:

43 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,
44 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
45 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by
46 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
47 National Guard who lost his or her life while on active duty for the
48 United States.

1 "REAL ID identification card" shall have the same meaning as
2 provided in R.S.39:1-1.

3 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
4 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
5 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
6 or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
7 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109
8 (C.38A:1-1); and

9 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, the
10 applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
11 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
12 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
13 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
14 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
15 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
16 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
17 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans
18 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706). In the case of
19 a Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all
20 of the following:

21 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
22 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
23 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces
24 of the United States or National Guard who lost their lives while on
25 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the
26 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,
27 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the
28 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed
29 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the
30 United States; or

31 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
32 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
33 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
34 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces
35 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
36 duty for the United States; and

37 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
38 service member.

39 (cf: P.L.2025, c.388, s.7)
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41 5. This act shall take effect January 1 next following the date
42 of enactment.
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45 STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires a voter to present acceptable identification
48 before voting at a polling place at any election. Acceptable

1 identification includes, but is not limited to a valid: (1) New Jersey
2 driver's license; (2) New Jersey REAL ID; (3) New Jersey Motor
3 Vehicle Commission "identification only" card; (4) United States
4 passport; (5) voter registration card; (6) a municipal, State, or
5 employment identification card; (7) a birth certificate; (8) a United
6 States military or veteran identification card; (9) property tax and
7 assessment statement or card; (10) insurance or public assistance
8 identification card; (11) high school or college identification card;
9 or (12) medical marijuana card. Identification cannot be digital.

10 If a resident is unable to provide any of the initial forms of
11 identification, the resident will be required to provide two forms of
12 identification from the following forms of approved supplemental
13 identification before casting their vote: (1) a utility bill, with name
14 and address present; (2) mortgage or rental statement; or (3) mail or
15 an envelope with the voter's address visible from a governmental
16 agency or utility company.

17 A voter who does not present identification, or whose
18 identification information does not appear to match the voter's
19 information may be subject to challenge. This bill does not deny or
20 alter a voter's opportunity to establish their right to vote if
21 challenged.

22 Additionally, this bill establishes certain design requirements for
23 driver's licenses and identification cards issued to non-citizens by
24 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

25 Under the bill, a driver's license or identification card issued to
26 an individual who is not a United States citizen is required to be a
27 distinctly different in color than those issued to citizens of the
28 United States. A driver's license or identification card issued to a
29 non-citizen is also required to include a clear statement on the
30 document that reads: "This document shall not be used as
31 identification to vote in elections."