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SYNOPSIS

Requires Chief Administrator of MVC to establish centralized fleet vehicle registration system.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning a centralized fleet vehicle registration system
2 and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 “Centralized fleet vehicle registration system” or “system”
10 means the system established pursuant to subsection a. of section 2
11 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
12 bill).

13 “Chief administrator” means the Chief Administrator of the New
14 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

15 “Commission” means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
16 Commission.

17 “Eligible government entity” means and includes the State and
18 counties, municipalities, independent authorities, commissions,
19 school districts, and other public bodies or instrumentalities of the
20 State that own or operate 10 or more vehicles.

21 “Eligible private entity” means and includes a private business,
22 non-profit organization, public utility, contractor, or other entity
23 that owns or operates 10 or more light duty vehicles.

24 “Fleet vehicles” means 10 or more vehicles owned or operated
25 by an eligible government entity or an eligible private entity. “Fleet
26 vehicles” shall not include any vehicle registered, or required to be
27 registered, under the International Registration Plan.

28 “Light duty vehicle” means any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle,
29 designed primarily for passenger travel or light duty commercial
30 use, and approved for travel on public roads. “Light duty vehicle”
31 includes, but is not limited to, any vehicle commonly referred to as
32 a car, minivan, sport utility vehicle, cross-over, or pick-up truck.

33 “Public utility” means the same as that term is defined in
34 R.S.48:2-13.

35 “Registration year” means the 12-month registration period for
36 which the registration fees are calculated, which period begins upon
37 the registration of an eligible government entity’s or eligible private
38 entity’s fleet vehicles with the centralized fleet vehicle registration
39 system.

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41 2. a. The chief administrator shall establish, or cause to be
42 established, an online centralized fleet vehicle registration system
43 that enables each eligible government entity and each eligible
44 private entity to annually register its fleet vehicles through a single
45 transaction.

46 b. At a minimum, the centralized fleet vehicle registration
47 system shall:

1 (1) enable an eligible government entity or eligible private
2 entity to electronically add or remove vehicles from the system;

3 (2) be accessible to each eligible government entity and each
4 eligible private entity through the commission's Internet website;
5 and

6 (3) to the extent feasible, be capable of identifying and alerting
7 the responsible eligible government entity or eligible private entity
8 of any impending expiration dates concerning any vehicle's
9 registration, insurance, or inspection, or any other applicable
10 requirements established under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, or
11 any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

12 c. Nothing in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
13 Legislature as this bill) shall be construed to affect the insurance,
14 inspection, certificate of ownership, or other applicable
15 requirements established under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or
16 any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, and all existing
17 annual registration fees and other applicable charges shall remain
18 due and payable unless otherwise provided by an applicable law,
19 rule, or regulation.

20 d. The chief administrator may establish a reasonable
21 administrative fee as may be necessary to administer the centralized
22 fleet vehicle registration system. However, no eligible government
23 entity or eligible private entity shall be required to pay any
24 additional fees beyond the reasonable administrative fee to utilize
25 the centralized fleet vehicle registration system.

26 e. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
27 subsection, a vehicle shall not be deemed to be registered with the
28 centralized fleet vehicle registration system until the requisite
29 documentation, including a registration application, proof of
30 insurance coverage, and any other documentation required by the
31 chief administrator, is received and any applicable fees and charges
32 are paid.

33 (2) For any vehicle with an extended registration period, as
34 provided under R.S.39:3-4, or any other applicable law, rule, or
35 regulation, an eligible government entity or eligible private entity
36 may, in lieu of providing a registration application, proof of
37 insurance coverage, and any other documentation required by the
38 chief administrator, certify, at the time of the initial registration
39 with the centralized fleet vehicle registration system, and each year
40 after that for the duration of the extended registration period, that
41 the registration is valid. No fees or charges shall be due during the
42 extended registration period. At the end of the extended
43 registration period, upon receipt of the requisite documentation,
44 including a registration application, proof of insurance coverage,
45 and any other documentation required by the chief administrator, is
46 received and any applicable fees and charges are paid, the vehicle
47 shall be treated as a vehicle added to the centralized fleet vehicle
48 registration system after the commencement of the registration year

1 pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.)
2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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4 3. a. An eligible government entity or eligible private entity
5 may simultaneously register its fleet vehicles through the
6 centralized fleet vehicle registration system on an annual basis. The
7 registration of each vehicle entered in the centralized fleet vehicle
8 registration system by the eligible government entity or eligible
9 private entity shall expire in the same month. The eligible
10 government entity or eligible private entity may select an available
11 expiration month in accordance with any applicable procedures
12 established by the commission.

13 b. An eligible government entity or eligible private entity may
14 add vehicles acquired after the commencement of the registration
15 year to the centralized fleet vehicle registration system.
16 Notwithstanding any applicable law, rule, or regulation to the
17 contrary, the registration of any vehicle that is added to the
18 centralized fleet vehicle registration system after the
19 commencement of the registration year shall expire at the same time
20 as that of the eligible government entity's or eligible private entity's
21 previously registered fleet vehicles. The registration fee for the
22 newly added vehicle shall be prorated for that registration year and
23 shall be due and payable at the time of registration.

24 c. Fleet vehicles registered through the centralized fleet vehicle
25 registration system shall receive a permanent fleet vehicle
26 registration certificate, decal, credential, or other identifier, as
27 determined by the commission, which shall not be required to be
28 replaced with each annual registration renewal. However, the
29 permanent fleet vehicle registration certificate, decal, credential, or
30 other identifier shall not be deemed to replace or supplant the
31 annual registration requirement for fleet vehicles. If the permanent
32 fleet vehicle registration certificate, decal, credential, or other
33 identifier issued by the commission is defaced, destroyed, lost, or
34 stolen, the eligible government entity or eligible private entity shall
35 apply for a replacement registration certificate, decal, credential, or
36 other identifier issued by the commission in a form and manner to
37 be determined by the chief administrator.

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39 4. The chief administrator shall, in accordance with the
40 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
41 seq.), adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement
42 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
43 including, but not limited to, procedures for identifying and alerting
44 an eligible government entity or eligible private entity, through the
45 centralized fleet vehicle registration system, of any impending
46 expiration dates or other requirements, prior to such requirements
47 becoming due.

1 5. This act shall take effect on the sixth month next following
2 the date of enactment. However, the Chief Administrator of the
3 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take any anticipatory
4 administrative action prior to the effective date as may be necessary
5 for the implementation of this act.

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8 STATEMENT
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10 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
11 Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) to establish a
12 centralized fleet vehicle registration system (system).

13 Specifically, the bill requires the chief administrator to establish,
14 or cause to be established, an online system that enables each
15 eligible government entity and each eligible private entity
16 (collectively, “eligible entities”) to annually register fleet vehicles
17 through a single transaction. At a minimum, the system is required
18 to: (1) enable eligible entities to electronically add or remove their
19 fleet vehicles; (2) be accessible to the eligible entities through the
20 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission’s (commission) Internet
21 website; and (3) be capable of identifying and alerting the
22 responsible eligible entities of impending expiration dates or other
23 requirements concerning any vehicle’s registration, insurance,
24 inspection, or other applicable requirements, to the extent feasible.

25 The bill clarifies that the provisions of the bill are not to be
26 construed to affect the insurance, inspection, certificate of
27 ownership, or other applicable requirements imposed under current
28 law and that all existing annual registration fees and other
29 applicable charges are to remain due and payable unless otherwise
30 provided by an applicable law, rule, or regulation. The bill also
31 authorizes the chief administrator to establish a reasonable
32 administrative fee as may be necessary to administer the system,
33 provided that the eligible entities are not required to pay any
34 additional fees to utilize the system. The bill clarifies that, with the
35 exception of vehicles with extended registration periods, a vehicle
36 will not be deemed registered with the system until all the requisite
37 documentation is received and any applicable fees and charges are
38 paid.

39 Under the bill, eligible entities may simultaneously register the
40 fleet vehicles through the system on an annual basis. The
41 registration of each vehicle entered in the system by the respective
42 eligible entities is to expire in the same month. The eligible entities
43 may select an available expiration month in accordance with any
44 applicable procedures established by the commission. The
45 registration of any vehicle that is added to the system after the
46 commencement of the registration year is to expire at the same time
47 as that of the previously registered fleet vehicles. The registration

1 fee for the newly added vehicle is to be prorated for that registration
2 year and is to be due and payable at the time of registration.

3 Finally, the bill provides that fleet vehicles registered through
4 the system are to receive a permanent fleet vehicle registration
5 certificate, decal, credential, or other identifier, as determined by
6 the commission, (identifier) that is not required to be replaced with
7 each annual registration renewal. However, the identifier is not to
8 be deemed to replace or supplant the annual registration
9 requirement for fleet vehicles. If the identifier is defaced,
10 destroyed, lost, or stolen, the eligible entities may apply for a
11 replacement identifier in a form and manner to be determined by the
12 chief administrator.

13 It is the sponsor's intent that the system will streamline the
14 registration and renewal process for the eligible entities.
15 Specifically, the system is intended to reduce the administrative
16 burden associated with managing multiple vehicle registrations by
17 allowing eligible entities to annually register and manage fleet
18 vehicles, select a common registration month for fleet vehicles
19 registered with the system, and receive permanent fleet registration
20 credentials. The system is also intended to improve the
21 commission's efficiency by consolidating registration transactions,
22 reducing the amount of paperwork, and facilitating the electronic
23 administration of fleet vehicle registrations and compliance
24 requirements. However, the system does not relieve the eligible
25 entities from any applicable registration fees, insurance, inspection,
26 certificate of ownership, or other requirements imposed by law.