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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(International  
license plates--  
grace period for  
registration in  
N.J.)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 210

Bill No: S283

Sponsor(s): Dumont

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Committee: Assembly: Law, Public Safety & Corrections

Senate: Law, Public Safety & Defense

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Senate: Yes

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Hearings: No

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## STATEMENT

Under the current law, it is unclear whether a resident may operate a motor vehicle with international plates on the roads and highways of this State. This bill provides that a resident who imports a motor vehicle into this State bearing international plates may operate the vehicle for 20 days in the same manner and to the same extent as though the vehicle was registered in this State. This grace period will provide sufficient time for the person to register the motor vehicle in accordance with the laws of this State.

P.L.1989, CHAPTER 210, *approved December 29, 1989*  
1988 Senate No. 283

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2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 *State of New Jersey:*

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Motor Vehicle-License and Registration

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel  
PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

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ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 283

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 1989

The Assembly Law, Public Safety and Corrections Committee favorably reports Senate Bill 283.

Senate Bill 283 supplements chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes to permit a resident who imports a motor vehicle which is registered in a foreign country to legally operate that vehicle on the highways of this State for a period of 20 days. During that period, the owner may operate the vehicle as if it was registered in this State, provided that the registration number or plate that was issued for the vehicle by the foreign county is conspicuously displayed. It is the committee's understanding that the intent of this bill is to afford the importer a brief interim period in which to register his vehicle in accordance with the laws of this State.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 283

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DATED: MAY 19, 1988

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 283.

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This bill was pre-filed in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes changes required by technical review which has been performed.