

39:3-10c

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-10c (MV vision exams-- allow licensed
ophthalmic dispensers to certify)

LAWS OF: 1989 **CHAPTER:** 15

BILL NO: A130

SPONSOR(S): Penn

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: **Assembly:** Law, Public Safety and Corrections
Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted
by asterisks.

Date of Passage: **Assembly:** July 14, 1988
Senate: December 19, 1988

Date of Approval: February 1, 1989

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:		Yes	(Below)
Committee statement:	Assembly	Yes	
	Senate	Yes	
Fiscal Note:		No	
Veto Message:		No	
Message on Signing:		Yes	
Following were printed:			
Reports:		No	
Hearings:		No	
Sponsors' statement:			

This bill would permit ophthalmic dispensers who are licensed by the State of New Jersey to certify Motor Vehicle vision examinations.

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P.L. 1989, CHAPTER 15, approved February 1, 1989
1988 Assembly No. 130 (First Reprint)

1 AN ACT to amend "An act providing for the periodic
reexamination of licensed drivers of motor vehicles and
3 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes,"
approved February 24, 1977 (P.L. 1977, c. 28).

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15 division or by any licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist,
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conditioned upon his compliance with such need. The division
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23 corrective action.

The division shall, by regulation, prescribe minimum standards
25 with respect to the equipment to be used for screenings ¹[by
ophthalmic dispensers as provided in this act]¹.

27 (cf: P.L. 1979, c. 446, s. 1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

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Regulated Professions

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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:
Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted June 13, 1988.

[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 130
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 130

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1988

The Assembly Law, Public Safety and Corrections Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 130 with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 130 amends section 1 of P.L. 1977, c. 28 (C. 39:3-10c) to permit ophthalmic dispensers who are licensed by the State of New Jersey to conduct and certify the vision screenings periodically required of licensed drivers.

Under current law, every licensed driver is required to take and successfully pass an examination of his vision at least once every 10 years as a condition for the renewal of his driver's license. At present, the statute provides that the examination may be certified by the Division of Motor Vehicles, any licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist, or any person licensed to practice medicine and surgery. This bill adds licensed ophthalmic dispensers to that list of persons authorized to certify those vision screenings.

The Committee amended the bill to clarify that the regulations the Division of Motor Vehicles is to adopt concerning the equipment to be used in these vision screenings is to apply to all authorized examiners, not just ophthalmic dispensers.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 130

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1988

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 130 [1R].

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The Division of Motor Vehicles is to adopt regulations concerning the equipment to be used in these vision screenings by all authorized examiners.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation to appropriate \$1.5 million for a beach restoration project in Cape May County.

The bill, S-2844, was sponsored by Senator James Hurley, R-Cumberland.

The project, which includes beach widening and extension of sewer outfall pipes in an area from Cape May Inlet to Lower Township, will be funded at a 90 percent level by a Federal grant of \$9 million.

The state share of \$1.5 million --- about 10 percent of the total --- was necessary to attract the Federal assistance.

Other bills signed by Kean today include:

S-1380, sponsored by Senator Edward O'Connor, D-Hudson, to authorize two additional Superior Court Judges in Hudson County.

S-1459, sponsored by Senator Raymond Zane, D-Gloucester, to authorize an additional Superior Court Judge in Cumberland County.

A-130, sponsored by Assemblyman John Penn, R-Somerset, and Assemblyman Patrick Roma, R-Bergen, to permit licensed ophthalmic dispensers to certify motor vehicle vision examinations.

S-650, sponsored by Senator Thomas Cowan, D-Hudson, to clarify that private security company guards licensed to carry firearms may also lawfully carry a nightstick, provided that a training course in its use has been completed.

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