

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Division of MV to issue)

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SENATE, No. 637

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Senator COWAN

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards and amending P.L.
2 1980, c. 47.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 1 of P.L. 1980, c. 47 (C. 39:3-29.2) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 "Identification Cards for [the Disabled] Nondrivers Act."
(cf: P.L. 1980, c. 47, s. 1)

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

12 2. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue an identification
13 card to any resident of the State who is 17 years of age or older
14 and who [by reason of blindness, disability or handicap is unable
15 to obtain a] is not the holder of a valid learner's permit or a
16 valid driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the
17 true name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified
18 by the applicant for such identification card. Every application
19 for an identification card shall be signed and verified by the
20 applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence
21 of the [blindness, disability or handicap,] age and identity of
22 such person as the division may require.

(cf: P.L. 1980, c. 47, s. 2)

23 3. Section 3 of P.L. 1980, c. 47 (C. 39:3-29.4) is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 3. Every identification card authorized by section 2 of this
26 act shall bear a color photograph of the person to whom it is
27 issued and shall be issued upon the standard license form
28 prescribed by the Division of Motor Vehicles for color
29 photograph drivers' licenses, except that the card shall be blue,
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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:

¹ Senate SLP committee amendments adopted February 18, 1988.

1 and shall prominently contain the words "For Identification
Only."

3 (cf: P.L. 1980, c. 47, s. 3)

4. Section 4 of P.L. 1980, c. 47 (C. 39:3-29.5) is amended to
5 read as follows:

4. Each original identification card authorized by section 2 of
7 this act shall [expire], unless canceled earlier, [two years] be
valid for 48 calendar months from its date of issuance, and shall
9 be renewable upon the request of the bearer of the card,
pursuant to terms of license renewal established by the Division
11 of Motor Vehicles, and upon payment of a fee as established in
section 6 of this act.

13 (cf: P.L. 1980, c. 47, s.4)

5. Section 6 of P.L. 1980, c. 47 (C. 39:3-29.7) is amended to
15 read as follows:

6. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall charge fees as it
17 deems appropriate for the issuance of original and duplicate
identification cards and for the renewal of identification cards
19 [in accordance with the following schedule:

21	Issuance of identification card.....	\$2.00
	Renewal of identification card.....	\$2.00
	Duplicate of identification card.....	\$1.00]

23 ¹[except that a person who is blind, disabled, handicapped, or
over 62 years of age shall not be required to pay a fee in order
25 to obtain an identification card, upon presentation by the person
of documentary evidence of blindness, disability, handicap, or
27 age as the division may require]¹.

(cf: P.L. 1980. c. 47, s. 6)

29 7. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after
enactment.

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Requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue identification
37 cards for the use of nondrivers.

5 be renewable upon the request of the bearer of the card,
6 pursuant to terms of license renewal established by the Division
7 of Motor Vehicles, and upon payment of a fee as established in
8 section 6 of this act.

9 5. Section 6 of P.L. 1980, c. 47 (C. 39:3-29.7) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 6. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall charge fees as it
12 deems appropriate for the issuance of original and duplicate
13 identification cards and for the renewal of identification cards
14 [in accordance with the following schedule:

15 Issuance of identification card	\$2.00
16 Renewal of Identification card	\$2.00
17 Duplicate of identification card	\$1.00]

18 except that a person who is blind, disabled, handicapped, or over
19 62 years of age shall not be required to pay a fee in order to
20 obtain an identification card, upon presentation by the person of
21 documentary evidence of blindness, disability, handicap, or age
22 as the division may require.

23 6. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after
24 enactment.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue an
29 identification card, upon application, to any person 17 years of
30 age or older who does not possess a valid learner's permit or a
31 valid driver's license. Under current law, the division issues an
32 identification card to obtain a driver's license because of
33 blindness, disability, or handicap.

34 The bill requires that every identification card issued to a
35 nondriver, including a person who is blind, disabled, or
36 handicapped, bear a color photograph of the person to whom it is
37 issued. It also establishes that the color photograph

1 identification card for nondrivers will be valid for 48
consecutive months and will be issued on the standard form
3 prescribed by the division for color photograph driver's licenses,
except that it will be blue and will prominently display words
5 "For Identification Only." The division will establish the fee for
the identification card, except that, upon presentation of
7 evidence satisfactory to the division, persons who are blind,
disabled, handicapped, or over 62 years of age will not be
9 required to pay a fee in order to obtain th color photograph
identification card.

11 The purpose of this bill is to provide a valid, accepted,
nontransferable form of identification to persons who, by choice
13 or necessity, do not drive.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

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Motor Vehicle-License and Registration

19 Requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue identification
cards for the use of nondrivers.

ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY
AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 637

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 20, 1988

The Assembly Law, Public Safety and Corrections Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 637.

Senate Bill No. 637 amends P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.1 et seq.) to require the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue, upon application, an identification card to any person 17 years of age or older who does not possess a valid learner's permit or a valid driver's license.

Under current law, the division is authorized to issue such identification cards only to residents who are over the age of 17 and who, because of blindness, disability or handicap, are unable to obtain a driver's license.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 637 is to enable persons who choose not to drive, and therefore do not have driver's licenses, to secure a valid, non-transferable form of identification.

The bill specifies that the nondriver identification cards are to bear a color photograph of the person to whom it is issued. To differentiate these nondriver identification cards from the color photograph driver's licenses currently issued by the division, the bill directs that the identification cards be blue and prominently display the words "For Identification Only." A nondriver identification card will remain valid for 48 months from the date of issuance and, upon application, may be renewed. The issuing fee is to be set by the division.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 637

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 1988

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Senate Bill 637 with amendments.

As amended, Senate Bill 637 requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card, upon application, to any person 17 years of age or older who does not possess a valid learner's permit or a valid driver's license. Under current law, the division issues an identification card to any resident of the State who is 17 years of age or older and unable to obtain a driver's license because of blindness, disability, or handicap.

The bill requires that every identification card issued to a non-driver, including a person who is blind, disabled, or handicapped, bear a color photograph of the person to whom it is issued. It also establishes that the color photograph identification card for non-drivers will be valid for 48 consecutive months and will be issued on the standard form prescribed by the division for color photograph driver's licenses, except that it will be blue and will prominently display the words "For Identification Only." The division will establish the fee for the identification card. Prior to being amended, the bill would have exempted a person who is blind, disabled, handicapped, or over 62 years of age from the payment of a fee for the identification card.

The purpose of this bill is to provide a valid, accepted, non-transferrable form of identification to persons who, by choice or inability, do not drive.

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