

39:3-10.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-10.1

(Buses--interstate--require  
bus driver's license)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 246

Bill No: A3037

Sponsor(s): Penn and others

Date Introduced: December 27, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate: -----

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: April 29, 1985

Senate: June 27, 1985

Date of Approval: July 17, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate No

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

ASSEMBLY, No. 3037

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 27, 1984

By Assemblymen PENN, KLINE, KAVANAUGH, ROONEY,  
ZECKER, MILLER and Assemblywoman MUHLER

AN ACT concerning bus driver licenses and amending R. S. 39:3-10.1.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 39:3-10.1 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-10.1. No person shall drive any motor vehicle or trackless  
3 trolley with a capacity of more than six passengers used for the  
4 transportation of passengers for hire or for the transportation of  
5 passengers to or from summer day camps or summer residence  
6 camps or any bus as defined by the director used for the **[intra-**  
7 **state]** transportation of passengers, except vehicles used in ride-  
8 sharing arrangements, taxicabs, **[hotel buses,** and omnibuses used  
9 for the transportation of passengers in interstate or foreign  
10 commerce,**]** or any bus used to transport children to and from  
11 school pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:39-1 et seq. or when being used  
12 by a private school to transport children to and from school, unless  
13 specially licensed so to do by the director *or in the case of a non-*  
14 *resident, licensed pursuant to the laws of his resident state with*  
15 *respect to the licensing of bus drivers.* Such license shall not be  
16 granted *by the director* until the applicant therefor is at least 18  
17 years of age and has passed a satisfactory examination in ascer-  
18 tainment of his driving ability and familiarity with the mechanism  
19 of said vehicle and has presented evidence, satisfactory to the  
20 director of his previous experience (including proof that he has  
21 had at least three years of driving experience), good character  
22 and physical fitness. Said license shall be effective until suspended

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.**

23 or revoked by the director; provided, the special licensee is also the  
24 holder of a license as provided for in [section] *R. S.* 39:3-10  
25 [of this Title].

26 Every holder of a special license issued pursuant to this section  
27 shall furnish to the director satisfactory evidence of continuing  
28 physical fitness, good character and experience once in every 24  
29 months after the issuance of the special license.

30 The director may suspend or revoke a license granted under  
31 authority of this section for a violation of any of the provisions  
32 of this subtitle, or on other reasonable grounds, or where, in his  
33 opinion, the licensee is either physically or morally unfit to retain  
34 the same.

35 The director may make such rules and regulations as he may  
36 deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

---

#### STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to remove the exception from the bus driver license statute that permits a person to operate a bus used for the interstate transportation of passengers without a bus driver's license.

A bus is considered to be an interstate bus if it travels into this State from another and makes only one stop in New Jersey to pick-up or discharge passengers.

The opening of the casinos in Atlantic City has led to an increase in the number of charter buses on the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway. Many of these buses are interstate buses because they only make one stop in New Jersey at Atlantic City. As a result of summonses issued to bus drivers, it has been determined that there are New Jersey drivers who operate interstate buses without New Jersey bus driver licenses. The Division of Motor Vehicles has drafted this bill, at the Attorney General's request, in order to close this loophole.

---

A3037 (1985)

ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3037

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 27, 1985

The purpose of Assembly Bill No. 3037 is to remove the exception from the bus driver license statute that permits a person to operate a bus used for the interstate transportation of passengers without a bus driver's license.

A bus is considered to be an interstate bus if it travels into this State from another and makes only one stop in New Jersey to pick-up or discharge passengers.

The bill requires drivers of all intrastate and interstate buses to be licensed in accordance with the bus driver's license provisions of their state of residence, whether the state of residence is New Jersey or some other state.