

39:3-27

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-27

(Ambulances owned by any non-profit organization - motor vehicle fees - exemption)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 228

Bill No: S449

Sponsor(s): Codey

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Committee: Assembly: Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

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Date of Approval: June 29, 1983

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes // (Below)

Committee statement: Assembly Yes //

Senate Yes //

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Message on Signing: /// ~~No~~ Yes

Following were printed:

Reports: /// No

Hearings: /// No

Sponsor's statement:

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## SENATE, No. 449

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Senator CODEY

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle registration and amending R. S.  
39:3-27.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-27 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-27. No fee shall be charged for the registration of motor  
3 vehicles not used for pleasure or hire, owned by the United States,  
4 the State of New Jersey, a municipality, county, Regional Air  
5 Pollution Control Agency, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commis-  
6 sioners, North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, a county  
7 improvement authority created under the "county improvement  
8 authorities law" (P. L. 1960, c. 183), a local school district, a  
9 regional school district, a county vocational or technical school, a  
10 duly authorized volunteer fire department, a duly authorized  
11 volunteer first aid, rescue or emergency squad, any duly recognized  
12 auxiliary or reserve police organization of any municipality,  
13 hospital, humane society, and anticruelty society in this State, New  
14 Jersey wing of the Civil Air Patrol incorporated by the Act of July  
15 1946 (Public Law 476—79th Congress), the American Red Cross,  
16 chartered local councils in New Jersey of the Boy Scouts of  
17 America or the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, \**char-*  
18 *tered local councils in New Jersey of the Boys Clubs of America or*  
19 *the Girls Clubs of America, chartered local organizations of the*  
20 *Police Athletic League\** or ambulances owned by **[nationally orga-**  
21 **nized recognized veterans' organizations]** *any nonprofit organiza-*  
22 *tion.* These vehicles shall be registered and display number plates

**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.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Assembly amendment adopted March 14, 1983.**

23 as provided in this subtitle or the director may, in his discretion,  
24 issue special registration certificates and special number plates  
25 for any of these motor vehicles which shall be valid for such motor  
26 vehicle until the transfer of ownership or the destruction of such  
27 motor vehicles at which time the special registration shall expire.  
28 Upon the expiration of any special registration the registration  
29 certificate and special number marker shall be returned to the  
30 director; provided, however, upon proper application to the di-  
31 rector the special registration and special number marker may be  
32 transferred to another motor vehicle acquired by the owner to  
33 whom the special registration and marker were issued.

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STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 449**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

The purpose of this bill is to exempt from motor vehicle registration fees ambulances owned by any nonprofit organizations.

Current law specifically exempts "ambulances owned by nationally organized recognized veterans' organizations" from motor vehicle registration fees. This specific language is removed by the bill and is replaced by the language "ambulances owned by any nonprofit organization." It is important to note that ambulances owned by a variety of other entities are already exempt from motor vehicle registration fees by virtue of the exemption from registration fees granted to any motor vehicle owned by a municipality; a county; a volunteer fire department; a volunteer first aid, rescue, or emergency squad; or auxiliary or reserve police organization of a hospital or a municipality; or the American Red Cross.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE

COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 10, 1982

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BILLS

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S-971, sponsored by State Senator Matthew Feldman, D-Bergen, which bars paramilitary training camps by making it illegal to teach the use of firearms, explosives and other harm-causing techniques with the knowledge that the techniques will be used in connection with an illegal activity.

S-449, sponsored by State Senator Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, which exempts ambulances owned by non-profit organizations from motor vehicle registration fees.

SJR-3019, sponsored by State Senator Daniel J. Dalton, D-Camden, which directs the Governor to exercise an existing statute which requires automatic retaliation against taxes imposed by other states on New Jersey residents. The tax in this case is a Pennsylvania motor vehicles tax of \$36 per axle on trucks above 26,000 pounds. That law, effective April 1, 1983, falls heavily on truck owners who are not residents of Pennsylvania. The retaliation would be in the form of a similar tax imposed on vehicles registered in Pennsylvania.

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