

39:3-13.2a

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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special 9 month permit)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 506

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Assemblymen WEIDEL, HURLEY, GORMLEY, DOWD,
SNEDEKER and SAXTON

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle special ***[leaner's]*** *learner's*
permits for handicapped persons and amending section 6 of P. L.
1977, c. 25 (C. 39:3-13.2a).

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

1 1. Section 6 of P. L. 1977, c. 25 (C. 39:3-13.2a) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 6. Any person to whom a special learner's permit has been
4 issued pursuant to section 1 of P. L. 1950, c. 127 (C. 39:3-13.1),
5 upon attaining 16 years and 6 months of age, or upon successful
6 completion prior thereto of a behind-the-wheel driving course con-
7 ducted by a licensed drivers' school or of a public, parochial or
8 private school driving education course, shall be entitled to retain
9 the special learner's permit in his own possession. Such person
10 may operate a motor vehicle of the class for which a basic driver's
11 license is required during the hours between sunrise and sunset
12 while in the company and under the control of a licensed motor
13 vehicle driver of this State who has had at least 3 years' experience
14 as a licensed motor vehicle driver. Such special permit shall be
15 valid for 90 days after such person's seventeenth birthday or until
16 the completion of the road test portion of his license examination,
17 whichever period is shorter; *provided, however, that a special*
18 *permit issued to a handicapped person ***[classified under one of the***
19 *categories listed in N. J. S. 18A:46-8 or otherwise]* **, as* deter-
20 *mined ***[to be handicapped]*** by the Division of Motor Vehicles*
21 **after consultation with the Department of Education,* shall be*
22 *valid for 9 months after such person's seventeenth birthday or until*
23 *the completion of the road test portion of his license examination,*
24 *whichever period is shorter.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

STATEMENT

This bill would amend section 6 of P. L. 1977, c. 25 (C. 39:3-13.2a) to allow that a motor vehicle special learner's permit issued to a handicapped person shall be valid for 9 months, rather than the present 90 days, after such person's seventeenth birthday, or until the completion of the road test portion of the license examination, whichever period is shorter. Approved State Department of Education and duly licensed driver training programs often enroll handicapped students who are over the age of 17 years and, because of their handicap, may take longer to complete an efficient driver training course. At present, the cost of a special learner's permit is \$5.00. After 90 days, a holder of such a permit may apply for and receive a regular learner's permit, also at a cost of \$5.00. However, at the price of \$5.00 for each 90-day permit, it could cost \$15.00 for three renewals for an approximately 9-month period of time. This bill would thus save a handicapped person \$10.00 over a 9-month period, which should be adequate to complete an efficient driver training course.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 506

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 1980

This bill permits a handicapped person who has received a motor vehicle special learner's permit to be valid for 9 months, rather than the present 90 days, after such person's seventeenth birthday, or until the completion of the road test portion of the license examination, whichever period is shorter.

At present, after 90 days, a holder of a special learner's permit may apply for and receive a regular learner's permit at a cost of \$5.00. This bill, if passed, would save a handicapped person \$15.00 for three renewals during this 9 month period of time.

As defined in Assembly Bill No. 506, a handicapped person includes those persons classified under one of the categories listed in N. J. S. 18A:46-8. These include: mentally retarded, visually handicapped, auditorily handicapped, communication handicapped, neurologically or perceptually impaired, or orthopedically handicapped, chronically ill, emotionally disturbed, socially maladjusted or multiple handicapped. In addition, the bill permits the Division of Motor Vehicles to otherwise determine who is handicapped.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 506

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 27, 1981

This legislation provides that a motor vehicle special learner's permit issued to a handicapped person shall be valid for 9 months, rather than the present 90 day period, after such person's seventeenth birthday, or until the completion of the road test portion of the license examination, whichever period is shorter.

Department of Education driver training programs often enroll handicapped students. Because of their handicap, it usually takes longer than normal to complete a driver training course. Thus they must pay to renew their permit. A permit costs \$5.00 and is valid for 90 days. A handicapped person would save money if the period were extended and the permit did not have to be renewed quarterly.

The bill was amended in accordance with suggestions made by the Division of Motor Vehicles. It was felt that the definition of handicapped person under N. J. S. 18A:46-8 was too broad. In the interests of motor vehicle safety it was decided to allow the division to classify handicapped persons after consultation with the Department of Education.