

39:3-29

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 39:3-29 (Drivers license & registration--nonpossession  
--dismiss charges under certain circumstances)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 242

Bill No. A1178

Sponsor(s) Orechio

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 1980

By Assemblyman ORECHIO

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety  
and Defense

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and amending R. S. 39:3-29.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-29 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-29. The driver's license, the registration certificate of a  
3 motor vehicle and an insurance identification card shall be in the  
4 possession of the driver or operator at all times when he is in  
5 charge of a motor vehicle on the highways of this State.

6 The driver or operator shall exhibit his driver's license and an  
7 insurance identification card, and the holder of a registration cer-  
8 tificate or the operator or driver of a motor vehicle for which a  
9 registration certificate has been issued, whether or not the holder,  
10 driver or operator is a resident of this State, shall also exhibit  
11 the registration certificate, when requested so to do by any motor  
12 vehicle inspector, police officer or magistrate, while in the perform-  
13 ance of the duties of his office and shall write his name in the  
14 presence of the officer, so that the officer may thereby determine  
15 the identity of the licensee and at the same time determine the  
16 correctness of the registration certificate, as it relates to the regis-  
17 tration number and number plates of the motor vehicle for which  
18 it was issued; and the correctness of the evidence of a policy of  
19 insurance, as it relates to the coverage of the motor vehicle for  
20 which it was issued.

21 Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not  
22 exceeding \$100.00.

23 *If a person, charged with a violation of this section, can exhibit*  
24 *his driver's license, insurance identification card and registration*  
25 *certificate, which were valid on the day he was charged, to the judge*  
26 *of the municipal court before whom he is summoned to answer to*  
27 *the charge, such judge may dismiss the charge. However, the*  
28 *judge may impose court costs.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

This bill allows a municipal court judge to dismiss a charge against a person for failure to possess a driver's license, insurance identification card, and registration certificate if the person can exhibit such license, I. D. card and registration were valid the day of the charge. The bill was amended in committee to permit a municipal court judge to still impose court costs even if the charge was dismissed.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 24, 1980

This bill allows a municipal court judge to dismiss a charge against a person for failure to possess a driver's license, insurance identification card, and registration certificate if the person can exhibit such license, I.D. card and registration were valid the day of the charge. The bill also permits a municipal court judge to still impose court costs even if the charge was dismissed.

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SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 1981

This bill would permit a municipal court judge to dismiss a charge against a person for failure to possess a driver's license, insurance identification card, or registration certificate if the person can exhibit such license, I.D. card and registration in court or establish that they were valid the day of the charge. The bill would permit a municipal court judge to impose court costs, however, even if the charge is dismissed.

8-3-81

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A-1178, sponsored by Assemblyman Carl A. Orechio (R-Essex), which will allow Municipal Court Judges to dismiss charges of failure to possess a driver's license, insurance identification, or registration certificate if the person charged can later exhibit these documents valid for the date of the charge.

Current law requires all drivers to exhibit these documents when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer. Failure to do so is punishable by a maximum fine of \$100.

S-629, sponsored by Senator Joseph A. Maressa (D-Gloucester), providing for the issuance of specialized license plates by the Division of Motor Vehicles to owners of modified antique cars manufactured before 1949.

To qualify for the plates, the owner must register his antique with a street car club, and pay a \$15 fee in addition to the regular registration charges.

SJR-3010, sponsored by Senator William J. Hamilton, Jr. (D-Middlesex), designating the Route 18 Park in New Brunswick the "Frank M. Deiner, Sr., Park," in honor of the former Home News political reporter who died in 1971 following a 57-year career as a newspaperman.

SJR-3011, sponsored by Senator William J. Hamilton, Jr. (D-Middlesex), naming the soon-to-be constructed extension of Route 18 from the Albany Bridge to the John A. Lynch Bridge in New Brunswick the "Hugh N. Boyd Parkway," honoring the former President and Publisher of the Home News Publishing Company.

Boyd, also active in local, state and national affairs, died in 1979.

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