

39:3-20; 39:3-19.2; 39:3-25

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 39:3-20; 39:3-19.2, 39:3-25 (Commercial motor vehicle registration--
staggered renewal dates)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 1981

By Assemblymen KARCHER and HERMAN

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

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle registrations in certain cases and amending *P. L. 1974, c. 162,* R. S. 39:3-20 *and R. S. 39:3-25*.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-20 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-20. For the purpose of this act gross weight means the
3 weight of both the vehicle and its load. a. The director is authorized
4 to issue registrations for commercial motor vehicles other than
5 omnibuses or motor-drawn vehicles upon application therefor and
6 payment of a fee based on the gross weight of the vehicle including
7 the gross weight of all vehicles in any combination of vehicles of
8 which the commercial motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle. The
9 gross weight of a disabled commercial vehicle or combination of
10 disabled commercial vehicles being removed from a highway shall
11 not be included in the calculation of the registration fee for the
12 drawing vehicle.

13 *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registra-*
14 *tion for a commercial motor vehicle other than an omnibus or*
15 *motor-drawn vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof shall*
16 *become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month follow-*
17 *ing the month in which the certificate was issued. The* [The regis-
18 *tration year for a commercial motor vehicle other than an omnibus*
19 *or motor-drawn vehicle shall be April 1 to the following March 31*
20 *and the*] *minimum registration fee shall be \$50.00 plus \$8.50 for*
21 *each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof in excess of 5,000 pounds.*

22 *Commercial motor vehicles other than omnibuses or motor-drawn*
23 *vehicles for which commercial motor vehicle registrations had been*
24 *issued prior to the effective date of this act and which expire March*
25 *31, 1982 shall be issued commercial registrations which, in the*
26 *director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which*

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

27 *date shall not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months*
 28 *following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees for such*
 29 *registrations shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportion-*
 30 *ately less or greater than the fees established by this subsection.*

31 b. The director is also authorized to issue registration for com-
 32 mercial motor vehicles having three or more axles and a gross
 33 weight over 40,000 pounds but not exceeding 70,000 pounds, upon
 34 application therefor and proof to the satisfaction of the director
 35 that the applicant is actually engaged in construction work or in
 36 the business of supplying material, transporting material, or using
 37 such registered vehicle for construction work.

37A **Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registra-*
 37B *tion for these commercial motor vehicles shall expire and the cer-*
 37C *tificate thereof shall become void on the last day of the eleventh*
 37D *calendar month following the month in which the certificate was*
 37E *issued.**

38 The ***[**registration year for such commercial motor vehicles shall
 39 be July 1 to the following June 30 and the**]*** registration fee shall
 40 be \$16.00 for each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof of gross weight
 41 including the gross weight of all vehicles in any combination of
 42 which such commercial motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle. "Con-
 43 structor" registrations issued prior to the effective date of this
 44 act which expire ***[**March 31, 1977**]*** *June 30, 1982* shall be ***[**re-
 44A newed at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ times the fee set forth herein and shall expire June
 44B 30, 1978**]*** *issued contractor vehicle registrations which, in the
 44C director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him,
 45 which date shall not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16
 45A months following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees
 45B for the registration shall be fixed by the director in amounts pro-
 45C portionately less or greater than the fees established by this sub-
 45D section.*

46 Such commercial motor vehicle shall be operated in compliance
 47 with the speed limitations of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and
 48 shall not be operated at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour
 49 when one or more of its axles has a load which exceeds the limita-
 50 tions prescribed in R. S. 39:3-84.

51 c. The director is also authorized to issue registrations for each
 52 of the following solid waste vehicles: two-axle vehicles having a
 53 gross weight not exceeding 42,000 pounds; tandem three-axle and
 54 four-axle vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding 60,000
 55 pounds; four-axle tractor-trailer combination vehicles having a
 56 gross weight not exceeding 60,000 pounds. Registration is based
 57 upon application to the director and proof to his satisfaction that

58 the applicant is actually engaged in the performance of solid waste
59 disposal or collection functions and holds a certificate of conve-
60 nience and necessity therefor issued by the Board of Public
60A Utilities.

60B **Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registra-*
60C *tion for a solid waste vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof*
60D *shall become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month*
60E *following the month in which the certificate was issued.**

61 The ~~registration year~~ for such "solid waste" vehicles shall be
62 July 1 to the following June 30 and the ~~registration fee~~ shall be
63 \$50.00 plus \$8.50 for each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof in excess
64 of 5,000 pounds.

65 Solid waste vehicles for which commercial motor vehicles regis-
66 trations had been issued prior to the effective date of this act and
67 which **shall** expire ~~March 31, 1980~~ **June 30, 1982** shall be
67A issued solid waste registrations ~~upon surrender to the director's~~
68 agent of the commercial vehicle registration certificate and pay-
69 ment of $1\frac{1}{4}$ the fee set forth herein and shall expire June 30, 1980 ~~which,~~
70 *which, in the director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be*
70A *fixed by him, which date shall not be sooner than 4 months or later*
70B *than 16 months following the date of issuance of the registration.*
70C *The fees for the registration shall be fixed by the director in*
70D *amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established*
70E *by this subsection.**

71 d. The director is also authorized to issue registrations for com-
72 mercial motor-drawn vehicles upon application therefor. The
73 registration year for commercial motor-drawn vehicles shall be
74 April 1 to the following March 31 and the fee therefor shall be
75 \$18.00 for each such vehicle.

76 At the discretion of the director, an applicant for registration
77 for a commercial motor-drawn vehicle may be provided the option
78 of registering such vehicle for a period of 4 years. In the event that
79 the applicant for registration exercises the 4-year option, a fee of
80 \$64.00 for each such vehicle shall be paid to the director in advance.

81 If any commercial motor-drawn vehicle registered for a 4-year
82 period is sold or withdrawn from use on the highways, the director
83 may, upon surrender of the vehicle registration and plate, refund
84 \$16.00 for each full year of unused prepaid registration.

85 e. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle or combination of vehicles
86 registered under this act having gross weight in excess of the
87 gross weight provided on the registration certificate to be operated
88 on the highways of this State.

89 In the event that a commercial motor vehicle registered under
 90 this act is found on a highway in combination with a commercial
 91 motor-drawn vehicle properly registered in any other state, Fed-
 92 eral district or Canadian province which imposes registration
 93 weight fees on such commercial motor-drawn vehicles, the drawing
 94 vehicle registered under this act shall have a gross weight regis-
 95 tration equal to at least one-half of the gross weight of the com-
 96 bination of vehicles. If it does not, the operation of said vehicles
 97 on the highways of this State shall be unlawful.

98 The 5% allowance provided by section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142
 99 (C. 39:3-84.3) shall be applicable as heretofore to all registered
 100 weight limitations provided in this section, except that in no event
 101 shall the gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles
 102 exceed the Federal maximum as such may be amended from time
 103 to time established for vehicles operated on the National System
 104 of Interstate and Defense Highways. In the case of a commercial
 105 motor vehicle registered under this act in combination with a
 106 commercial motor-drawn vehicle properly registered in any other
 107 state, Federal district or Canadian province which imposes regis-
 108 tration weight fees on such commercial motor-drawn vehicles, the
 109 5% allowance shall be applied and added to the registered weight
 110 of the drawing vehicle registered under this act. If the resulting
 111 sum is equal at least to one-half of the combined gross weight of the
 112 mixed combination, then the mixed combination shall be in com-
 113 pliance with the registration requirements of this section.

114 Moneys realized from the increase of the fees for registrations
 115 issued pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be paid into the
 116 State Treasury and credited to the General State Fund and avail-
 117 able for general State purposes.

118 This section shall not be construed to supersede or repeal the
 119 provisions of sections 39:3-84, 39:4-75, or 39:4-76 of this Title.

1 *2. Section 2 of P. L. 1974, c. 162 (C. 39:3-19.2) is amended to
 2 read as follows:

3 2. The Director of Motor Vehicles shall have the authority to
 4 issue upon application therefor a license plate for school vehicles
 5 marked "School Vehicle Type I" or "School Vehicle Type II" as
 6 the application may indicate is warranted in accordance with the
 7 definition of these vehicles contained in R. S. 39:1-1 [for the annual
 8 registration period beginning July 1 effective through June 30].
 9 *Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration*
 10 *for a school vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof shall*
 11 *become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month follow-*
 12 *ing the month in which the certificate was issued.*

13 *School vehicles for which school vehicle registrations had been*
 14 *issued prior to the effective date of this act and which expire June*
 15 *30, 1982 shall be issued registrations which, in the director's dis-*
 16 *cretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which date shall*
 17 *not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months following the*
 18 *date of issuance of the registration. The fees for such registrations*
 19 *shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or*
 20 *greater than the fees established by this section.*

21 No fee shall be charged the United States Government, the State
 22 of New Jersey, a local school district, a regional school district,
 23 or a county vocational or technical school upon application for a
 24 Type I or Type II school vehicle license plate.

25 All other applicants for license plates herein authorized of the
 26 "School Vehicle Type I" kind shall pay an annual registration fee
 27 of \$140.00. All other applicants for license plates herein autho-
 28 rized of the "School Vehicle Type II" shall pay an annual regis-
 29 tration fee of \$40.00.

1 3. R. S. 39:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-25. In addition to the motor vehicle licenses authorized to
 3 be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the [commis-
 4 sioner] *director* shall issue, upon application therefor, a license
 5 plate for trucks marked "farmer," which shall be issued upon evi-
 6 dence satisfactory to the [commissioner] *director* that the applicant
 7 is a farmer and is actually engaged in the growing, raising and pro-
 8 ducing of farm products as an occupation. License plates issued
 9 under authority of this section shall be placed upon motor trucks
 10 engaged exclusively in the carrying or transportation of applicant's
 11 farm products, raised or produced on his farm, and farm supplies,
 12 and not engaged in hauling for hire.

13 Applicants for license plates herein authorized shall pay therefor
 14 at a rate equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the present registration fee provided for
 15 trucks by this chapter.

16 *Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration*
 17 *for a farm truck shall expire and the certificate thereof shall be-*
 18 *come void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following*
 19 *the month in which the certificate was issued.*

20 *Farm trucks for which farm truck registrations had been issued*
 21 *prior to the effective date of this act and which expire June 30, 1982*
 22 *shall be issued registrations which, in the director's discretion,*
 23 *shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which date shall not be*
 24 *sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months following the date*
 25 *of issuance of the registration. The fees for such registrations*

26 *shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or*
27 *greater than the fees established by this section.*

28 The term "farmer" as used in this section means any person
29 engaged in the commercial raising, growing and producing of farm
30 products on a farm not less than 3 acres in area, and who does not
31 engage in the business of buying farm products for resale; and the
32 term "farm products" means and crop, livestock or fur products.*

1 ***[2.]*** *4.* This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 1981

By Assemblymen KARCHER and HERMAN

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

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and amending R. S. 39:3-20.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
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1 1. R. S. 39:3-20 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-20. For the purpose of this act gross weight means the
3 weight of both the vehicle and its load. a. The director is authorized
4 to issue registrations for commercial motor vehicles other than
5 omnibuses or motor-drawn vehicles upon application therefor and
6 payment of a fee based on the gross weight of the vehicle including
7 the gross weight of all vehicles in any combination of vehicles of
8 which the commercial motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle. The
9 gross weight of a disabled commercial vehicle or combination of
10 disabled commercial vehicles being removed from a highway shall
11 not be included in the calculation of the registration fee for the
12 drawing vehicle.

13 *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registra-*
14 *tion for a commercial motor vehicle other than an omnibus or*
15 *motor-drawn vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof shall*
16 *become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month follow-*
17 *ing the month in which the certificate was issued. The* **[***The regis-*
18 *tration year for a commercial motor vehicle other than an omnibus*
19 *or motor-drawn vehicle shall be April 1 to the following March 31*
20 *and the* **]** *minimum registration fee shall be \$50.00 plus \$8.50 for*
21 *each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof in excess of 5,000 pounds.*

22 *Commercial motor vehicles other than omnibuses or motor-drawn*
23 *vehicles for which commercial motor vehicle registrations had been*
24 *issued prior to the effective date of this act and which expire March*
25 *31, 1982 shall be issued commercial registrations which, in the*
26 *director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which*

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31 b. The director is also authorized to issue registration for com-
32 mercial motor vehicles having three or more axles and a gross
33 weight over 40,000 pounds but not exceeding 70,000 pounds, upon
34 application therefor and proof to the satisfaction of the director
35 that the applicant is actually engaged in construction work or in
36 the business of supplying material, transporting material, or using
37 such registered vehicle for construction work.

38 The registration year for such commercial motor vehicles shall
39 be July 1 to the following June 30 and the registration fee shall
40 be \$16.00 for each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof of gross weight
41 including the gross weight of all vehicles in any combination of
42 which such commercial motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle. "Con-
43 structor" registrations issued prior to the effective date of this
44 act which expire March 31, 1977 shall be renewed at 1¼ times
45 the fee set forth herein and shall expire June 30, 1978.

46 Such commercial motor vehicle shall be operated in compliance
47 with the speed limitations of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and
48 shall not be operated at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour
49 when one or more of its axles has a load which exceeds the limita-
50 tions prescribed in R. S. 39:3-84.

51 c. The director is also authorized to issue registrations for each
52 of the following solid waste vehicles: two-axle vehicles having a
53 gross weight not exceeding 42,000 pounds; tandem three-axle and
54 four-axle vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding 60,000
55 pounds; four-axle tractor-trailer combination vehicles having a
56 gross weight not exceeding 60,000 pounds. Registration is based
57 upon application to the director and proof to his satisfaction that
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59 disposal or collection functions and holds a certificate of conve-
60 nience and necessity therefor issued by the Board of Public
60A Utilities.

61 The registration year for such "solid waste" vehicles shall be
62 July 1 to the following June 30 and the registration fee shall be
63 \$50.00 plus \$8.50 for each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof in excess
64 of 5,000 pounds.

65 Solid waste vehicles for which commercial motor vehicles regis-
66 trations had been issued prior to the effective date of this act and
67 which expire March 31, 1980 shall be issued solid waste registra-

68 tions upon surrender to the director's agent of the commercial
69 vehicle registration certificate and payment of $1\frac{1}{4}$ the fee set forth
70 herein and shall expire June 30, 1980.

71 d. The director is also authorized to issue registrations for com-
72 mercial motor-drawn vehicles upon application therefor. The
73 registration year for commercial motor-drawn vehicles shall be
74 April 1 to the following March 31 and the fee therefor shall be
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78 of registering such vehicle for a period of 4 years. In the event that
79 the applicant for registration exercises the 4-year option, a fee of
80 \$64.00 for each such vehicle shall be paid to the director in advance.

81 If any commercial motor-drawn vehicle registered for a 4-year
82 period is sold or withdrawn from use on the highways, the director
83 may, upon surrender of the vehicle registration and plate, refund
84 \$16.00 for each full year of unused prepaid registration.

85 e. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle or combination of vehicles
86 registered under this act having gross weight in excess of the
87 gross weight provided on the registration certificate to be operated
88 on the highways of this State.

89 In the event that a commercial motor vehicle registered under
90 this act is found on a highway in combination with a commercial
91 motor-drawn vehicle properly registered in any other state, Fed-
92 eral district or Canadian province which imposes registration
93 weight fees on such commercial motor-drawn vehicles, the drawing
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95 tration equal to at least one-half of the gross weight of the com-
96 bination of vehicles. If it does not, the operation of said vehicles
97 on the highways of this State shall be unlawful.

98 The 5% allowance provided by section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142
99 (C. 39:3-84.3) shall be applicable as heretofore to all registered
100 weight limitations provided in this section, except that in no event
101 shall the gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles
102 exceed the Federal maximum as such may be amended from time
103 to time established for vehicles operated on the National System
104 of Interstate and Defense Highways. In the case of a commercial
105 motor vehicle registered under this act in combination with a
106 commercial motor-drawn vehicle properly registered in any other
107 state, Federal district or Canadian province which imposes regis-
108 tration weight fees on such commercial motor-drawn vehicles, the
109 5% allowance shall be applied and added to the registered weight
110 of the drawing vehicle registered under this act. If the resulting

111 sum is equal at least to one-half of the combined gross weight of the
112 mixed combination, then the mixed combination shall be in com-
113 pliance with the registration requirements of this section.

114 Moneys realized from the increase of the fees for registrations
115 issued pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be paid into the
116 State Treasury and credited to the General State Fund and avail-
117 able for general State purposes.

118 This section shall not be construed to supersede or repeal the
119 provisions of sections 39:3-84, 39:4-75, or 39:4-76 of this Title.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would establish a system for staggering commercial motor vehicle registrations throughout the year. Presently 900,000 commercial registrations are required by statute to be processed during the month of March each year. This bill will improve service to the public by reducing the disproportionate number of transactions processed at the local agencies and vehicle inspection stations during March.

The bill will not only improve customer service to those who are registering commercial vehicles but will also improve registration and inspection service to those whose annual registration period for other motor vehicles happens to fall during the month of March.

A 3688 (1981)

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED DECEMBER 7, 1981

Amend page 1, title, line 2, after "amending", insert "P. L. 1974, c. 162,"; after "R. S. 39:3-20", insert " and R. S. 39:3-25".

Amend page 2, section 1, after line 37, insert new paragraph as follows:

"Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registration for these commercial motor vehicles shall expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following the month in which the certificate was issued."

Amend page 2, section 1, lines 38-39, after "The", omit remainder of line 38 and "be July 1 to the following June 30 and the" on line 39.

Amend page 2, section 1, line 44, after "expire", omit "March 31, 1977", insert "June 30, 1982".

Amend page 2, section 1, lines 44-45, after "be", omit remainder of line 44 and "the fee set forth herein and shall expire June 30, 1978" on line 45; insert "issued constructor vehicle registrations which, in the director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which date shall not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees for the registration shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by this subsection."

Amend page 2, section 1, after line 60A, insert new paragraph as follows:

"Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every registration for a solid waste vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following the month in which the certificate was issued."

Amend page 2, section 1, lines 61-62, after "The", omit remainder of line 61, and omit "July 1 to the following June 30 and the" on line 62.

Amend page 2, section 1, line 67, after "which", insert "shall"; omit "March 31, 1980", insert "June 30, 1982".

Amend page 3, section 1, lines 68-70, after "tions", omit remainder of line 68, all of line 69 and "herein and shall expire June 30, 1980"; insert "which, in the director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be

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fixed by him, which date shall not be sooner than 4 months or later than 16 months following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees for the registration shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by this subsections.”.

Amend page 4, section 1, after line 119, insert new sections as follows :

“2. Section 2 of P. L. 1974, c. 162 (C. 39:3-19.2) is amended to read as follows:

2. The Director of Motor Vehicles shall have the authority to issue upon application therefor a license plate for school vehicles marked ‘School Vehicle Type I’ or ‘School Vehicle Type II’ as the application may indicate is warranted in accordance with the definition of these vehicles contained in R. S. 39:1-1 [for the annual registration period beginning July 1 effective through June 30]. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration for a school vehicle shall expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following the month in which the certificate was issued.*

School vehicles for which school vehicle registrations had been issued prior to the effective date of this act and which expire June 30, 1982 shall be issued registrations which, in the director’s discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which date shall not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees for such registrations shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by this section.

No fee shall be charged the United States Government, the State of New Jersey, a local school district, a regional school district, or a county vocational or technical school upon application for a Type I or Type II school vehicle license plate.

All other applicants for license plates herein authorized of the ‘School Vehicle Type I’ kind shall pay an annual registration fee of \$140.00. All other applicants for license plates herein authorized of the ‘School Vehicle Type II’ shall pay an annual registration fee of \$40.00.

3. R. S. 39:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

39:3-25. In addition to the motor vehicle licenses authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the [commissioner] *director* shall issue, upon application therefor, a license plate for trucks marked ‘farmer,’ which shall be issued upon evidence satisfactory to the [commissioner] *director* that the applicant is a farmer and is actually engaged in the growing, raising and producing of farm products as an occupation. License plates issued under authority of this

section shall be placed upon motor trucks engaged exclusively in the carrying or transportation of applicant's farm products, raised or produced on his farm, and farm supplies, and not engaged in hauling for hire.

Applicants for license plates herein authorized shall pay therefor at a rate equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the present registration fee provided for trucks by this chapter.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration for a farm truck shall expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following the month in which the certificate was issued.

Farm trucks for which farm truck registrations had been issued prior to the effective date of this act and which expire June 30, 1982 shall be issued registrations which, in the director's discretion, shall expire on a date to be fixed by him, which date shall not be sooner than 4 months nor later than 16 months following the date of issuance of the registration. The fees for such registrations shall be fixed by the director in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by this section.

The term "farmer" as used in this section means any person engaged in the commercial raising, growing and producing of farm products on a farm not less than 3 acres in area, and who does not engage in the business of buying farm products for resale; and the term "farm products" means any crop, livestock or fur products."

Amend page 4, section 2, line 1, omit "2.", insert "4."

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 1981

As amended, this bill would establish a system for staggering commercial motor vehicle registrations throughout the year. Constructor vehicles and solid waste vehicles were included by Senate committee amendment and school vehicles and farm trucks by Assembly committee amendment. Presently, more than 900,000 commercial registrations are required by statute to be processed during the months of March or June each year. This bill will improve service to the public by reducing the disproportionate number of transactions processed at the local agencies and vehicle inspection stations during March and June.

The bill will not only improve customer service to those who are registering commercial vehicles during March, but will also improve registration and inspection service to those whose annual registration for other motor vehicles happens to fall during the months of March or June.

JANUARY 13, 1982

A-3561, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard VanWagner (D-Monmouth), transfers funds from the services account to the personal services account to fund up to sixteen official court reporter positions as established by the State Supreme Court.

A-3623, sponsored by Assemblyman Herman Costello (D-Burlington), appropriates \$150,000 to the Division of Veterans Services as matching funds for the establishment of a veterans cemetery. The Department of Corrections is deeding a site at Arnytown to the Department of Human Services, who will donate the site.

A-3796, sponsored by Assemblyman James Bornheimer (D-Middlesex), eliminates the 6% interest ceiling placed on counties and municipalities for borrowing funds. The ceiling had been previously suspended through a series of moratoriums. Since 6% financing is unavailable today, this bill removes legal obstructions to counties and municipalities to obtain certain kinds of financing.

A-3626, sponsored by Assemblyman Raymond Lesniak (D-Union), appropriates \$500,000 from the Congregate Housing Service Act for various congregate housing projects.

A-3262, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert Littell (R-Sussex), would permit a minor person above 16 years of age a fourteen day grace period to obtain a physical examination necessary to obtain a work permit. The intent is to allow a minor to immediate begin working in food service, resturant or retail occupations when school in not in session. Previously, a minor would have be forced to wait until a physical examination was made and the permit issued.

A-3688, sponsored by Assemblyman Alan Karcher (D-Middlesex), establishes a staggered registration system for commercial motor vehicles. Currently, some 900,000 commerical registrations must be processed each March. This bill will help to improve efficiency by reducing the disproportionate work load.

A-3702, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara McConnell (D-Hunterdon), appropriates \$1,000 for a study on a proposal for a Chair in Women's Studies at the Douglas College of Rutgers University.

A-1853, sponsored by Assemblyman James Borheimer (D-Middlesex), amends the No Fault Auto Insurance Law to clarify that optional personal injury protection benefits must be offered to the insured and members of his family residing in the household, and that optional income continuation and essential service benefits cease upon the death of the claimant and will not increase death benefits provided for elsewhere in the statute.