

39:3-38

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Motor Vehicles--Forged or counterfeit license plates - penalties)

NJSA 39:3-38

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 173

Bill No. S280

Sponsor(s) Ewing and Foran

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage ~~Yes~~ No

Date of Passage: Assembly June 18, 1979

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~XX~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly ~~Yes~~ No

Senate ~~Yes~~ No

Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill amends the law concerning counterfeiting of license plates to provide for an alternate penalty of revocation of such person's license for a period not to exceed 6 months. This legislation also creates a new offense for placing a forged or counterfeit license plate on any motor vehicles and prescribe penalties for violations thereof.

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SENATE, No. 280

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senators FWING and FORAN

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and amending R. S. 39:3-38.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-38 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-38. No person shall counterfeit a number plate or marker  
3 or make a substitute or temporary marker, under penalty of *revo-*  
4 *cation of such person's driver's license for a period not to exceed*  
5 *6 months, or a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00.*

6 No person shall use a marker other than the one issued to him  
7 by the commissioner, except as provided in **[section]** R. S. 39:3-15  
8 **[of this Title]**, under penalty of a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor  
9 more than \$50.00.

10 *No person shall cause to be placed a forged or counterfeit license*  
11 *plate on any motor vehicle, under penalty of revocation of such*  
12 *person's driver's license for a period not to exceed 6 months, or a*  
13 *fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00, or both.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the law concerning counterfeiting of license plates to provide for an alternate penalty of revocation of such person's driver's license for a period not to exceed 6 months. This legislation also creates a new offense for placing a forged or counterfeit license plate on any motor vehicles and prescribe penalties for violations thereof.

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

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

AUGUST 28, 1979

PAT SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne signed the following bills into law before departing for Boston last night:

S-280, sponsored by Senators John H. Ewing (R-Morris) and Walter E. Foran (R-Hunterdon), which amends the law prohibiting the counterfeiting of license plates. The present law penalizes such counterfeiting with a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$100. This bill creates an alternate penalty of license revocation for a period not to exceed six months. This bill also creates a new offense, with the same alternative penalties, for the placing of a forged or counterfeit license plate on any motor vehicle. The bill takes effect immediately.

<sup>A</sup>S-580, sponsored by Senator Albert Burstein (D-Bergen), which transfers from Title 40 to 40A existing sections of the law concerning the classification of counties and cities, the annexation of county and municipal land and the determination of boundaries between counties and municipalities.

A-1251, sponsored by Assemblyman Carl A. Orechio (R-Essex), which amends the law governing the advertising of unclaimed bank deposits. The bill changes the time, place and frequency of advertisement. It is intended to result in wider circulation of unclaimed bank deposit advertising.

Under the former law, unclaimed bank deposits were to be advertised once in October and once in November prior to escheat in the following January. A deposit is "unclaimed" if it is dormant for ten consecutive years. A-1251 requires advertising after five years of dormancy and again preceding escheat. It also requires that the advertisement be placed during the second week of October and November.

The bill also requires publication in a New Jersey newspaper which circulates in each county in which the bank has an office. While the former law had no size of type requirement, this bill will require 8-point type, which is standard newspaper type.