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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Private detective agencies--special vehicle identification lights--permits)

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CHAPTER 314

Bill No. S19

Sponsor(s) J. Russo

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Sponsor statement	Yes	xxo (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	xes	no
Senate	Yes	xio
Fiscal Note	xes	no
Veto message	Yes	xio
Message on signing	xes	no

Following were printed:

Reports	xes	no
Hearings	xes	no

Sponsor's statement:

The purpose of this bill is expressed in the title.

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SENATE, No. 19

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senator J. RUSSO

AN ACT authorizing the use of special vehicle identification lights by \*certain\* licensed private detective businesses and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. a. The director may issue permits authorizing vehicles of  
2 licensed private detective businesses \*under contractual agreement  
2A to provide community security services\* \*\*in planned developments  
3 as defined in the "Municipal Land Use Law" P. L. 1975, c. 291  
4 (C. 40:55D-1 et seq.),\*\* to be equipped with and display a special  
5 identification light. \*Issuance of such permits shall, in addition,  
6 be approved and signed by the chief law enforcement official in the  
7 municipality in which such permit shall be used.\* The permit shall  
8 specify the type \*\*[and color]\*\* of \*\*[the]\*\* light, the manner  
8A in which it shall be displayed and the conditions under which the  
8B operator of the vehicle may drive or move the vehicle when the light  
8C is in use. \*\*The permit shall also specify the color of the light, which  
8D shall be other than red.\*\* The permit for the use of the special  
8E identification light shall be carried by the operator while the light  
8F is displayed on the vehicle.

9 b. The permit shall be valid only when the specifications and  
10 conditions contained therein are complied with, and the director  
11 may cancel or revoke a permit issued pursuant to this act when-  
12 ever the conditions for its issuance no longer exist or on any other  
13 reasonable grounds. \*The director shall charge a \$25.00 fee for the  
13A issuance of each such permit.\*

14 c. Any person authorized to display a special identification light  
15 pursuant to this act who displays or uses said light in violation of  
16 the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of \$50.00 for  
17 the first offense, and \$100.00 for the second and each subsequent  
18 offense.

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.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 19**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: MARCH 17, 1978

This bill would authorize the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue permits allowing the vehicles of licensed detective agencies under contractual agreement to provide community security services to be equipped with and display special identification lights. The director has the discretion to determine the type and color of the light and the conditions under which it could be used. The director also has the power to cancel or revoke such permits on reasonable grounds.

Any unauthorized use of such light by anyone authorized to use such light is punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for second and subsequent offenses.

An amendment adopted by the committee would limit the application to detective agencies who are under contractual agreements to provide community security services. It is intended to apply in planned communities, for example, which hire an agency to handle their security.

The committee also adopted an amendment which would require approval of issuance of such permits by the chief law enforcement official in the municipality in which they are to be used.

Also it amended the bill to provide for a \$25.00 fee for the issuance of each such permit.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

September 10, 1979

SENATE BILL NO. 19 (OCR)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 19 (OCR), with my objections, for reconsideration.

This bill would authorize the director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue permits allowing the authorized vehicles of licensed private detective agencies, which are under contractual agreement to provide community services, to be equipped with and to display a special identification light. The issuance of these permits must also be approved by the chief law enforcement official in the municipality in which such a permit is used. The permit would specify, among other details, the conditions under which the operator of the vehicle may drive or move the vehicle when the light is in use. The director would charge a \$25 fee for the issuance of each permit.

As indicated in the Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee Statement to S-19, this bill is intended to apply in planned developments which hire an agency to handle their security. It is, therefore, my recommendation that the scope of this bill be specifically limited in its application. In addition, these special identification lights should be a color other than red, the color used by our public police, fire and ambulance vehicles.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 19 for reconsideration and with the recommendation that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section 1, Line 2A: After "services" insert "in planned developments as defined in the "Municipal Land Use Law" P.L. 1975, c. 291 (C. 40:55D-1 et seq.),".

Page 1, Section 1, Line 3C: After "type" delete "and color" and after "of" delete the word "the".

Page 1, Section 1, Line 6: After "use." insert "The permit shall also specify the color of the light, which shall be other than red."

Respectfully,

/s/

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ Harold L. Hodes  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
(ACTING)