

39: 3-37

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Motor vehicles -- falsification of application for registration & driver's license -- penalty increase)

NJSA 39:3-37

LAWS OF 1978

CHAPTER 174

Bill No. S1203

Sponsor(s) Perskie

Date Introduced June 1, 1978

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

Senate Law, Public Safety & Defense

Amended during passage Yes

Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes  Below

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes

Senate  No

Fiscal Note  No

Veto Message  No

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Following were printed:

Reports  No

Hearings  No

Sponsor's statement:

Currently, making a misstatement of fact on an application for registration of a motor vehicle or driver's license is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both. This bill would change that penalty to a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

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**SENATE, No. 1203**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 1978

By Senator PERSKIE

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning the falsification of an application for registration of a motor vehicle or driver's license and amending R. S. 39:3-37.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-37 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-37. A person who gives fictitious name or address or makes  
 3 any other *\*intentional\** misstatement of *\*a material\** fact in his  
 4 application for registration of a motor vehicle or driver's license  
 5 or in a preliminary application, examination or proceeding shall  
 6 be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$500.00, or  
 7 imprisonment for not more than **[1 year]** *6 months* or both, at the  
 8 discretion of the court. The director may, upon proper evidence  
 9 not limited to a conviction in court, of the misstatement or fictitious  
 10 name or address, revoke the registration of the motor vehicle or  
 11 driver's license as the case may be for a period of not more than  
 12 2 years.

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.**

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1203**

with Assembly committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: OCTOBER 19, 1978

The Assembly committee amendments clarify the provisions of present law to require that the misstatement which gives rise to the penalty must be intentional, and that the fact misrepresented must be material.