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SPONSOR(S) Greenstein and others

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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 36, *approved May 4, 2015*
Senate, No. 266

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2 and P.L.1998, c.108.

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47 permit and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if

1 the other state or country has permit or license standards
2 substantially similar to those of this State, the credentials of the
3 other state or country shall be acceptable.

4 The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers
5 covering the following classifications:

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8 equipped with a single cab with glazing enclosing the occupant,
9 seats similar to those of a passenger vehicle or truck, seat belts and
10 automotive steering or any vehicle defined as a motorcycle pursuant
11 to R.S.39:1-1 having a motor with a maximum piston displacement
12 that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor that is rated at no
13 more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed of no more
14 than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

15 b. Omnibuses as classified by R.S.39:3-10.1 and school buses
16 classified under N.J.S.18A:39-1 et seq.

17 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.28).

18 d. All motor vehicles not included in classifications a. and b. A
19 license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
20 as the "basic driver's license."

21 Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be a
22 holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under
23 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the basic driver's
24 license.

25 A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately, but
26 if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
27 endorsement on the basic driver's license. The holder of a basic
28 driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall be
29 authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a maximum
30 piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor
31 that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum
32 speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

33 The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it or a
34 person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is satisfied
35 of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its discretion, issue
36 a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle. The license shall
37 authorize him to drive any registered vehicle, of the kind or kinds
38 indicated, and shall expire, except as otherwise provided, on the last
39 day of the 48th calendar month following the calendar month in
40 which such license was issued.

41 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
42 issue licenses which shall expire on a date fixed by it. If the
43 commission issues a license to a person who has demonstrated
44 authorization to be present in the United States for a period of time
45 shorter than the standard period of the license, the commission shall
46 fix the expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in
47 which the person is authorized to be present in the United States

1 under federal immigration laws. The commission may renew such a
2 license only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued
3 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. The
4 fee for licenses with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall
5 be fixed by the commission in amounts proportionately less or
6 greater than the fee herein established.

7 The required fee for a license for the 48-month period shall be as
8 follows:

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10 Motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

11 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

12 Basic driver's license: \$18.

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14 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of
15 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
16 commission's satisfaction that said applicant will use the omnibus
17 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
18 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
19 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

20 The commission shall issue licenses for the following license
21 period on and after the first day of the calendar month immediately
22 preceding the commencement of such period, such licenses to be
23 effective immediately.

24 All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
25 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
26 procedures established by it.

27 The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a permit or
28 license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its estimation,
29 not a proper person to be granted such a permit or license, but no
30 defect of the applicant shall debar the applicant from receiving a
31 permit or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
32 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
33 operating a motor vehicle.

34 In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
35 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
36 shall require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining a
37 permit and license, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence
38 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

39 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
40 document presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age or
41 legal residency is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the
42 commission shall refuse to grant the permit or license until such
43 time as the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the
44 commission's satisfaction.

45 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
46 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
47 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in

1 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
2 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
3 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
4 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
5 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
6 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
7 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
8 technical error by the commission.

9 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or extend the
10 expiration of any license issued prior to the date this amendatory
11 and supplementary act becomes operative.

12 (cf: P.L.2011, c.13, s.1)

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14 2. Section 8 of P.L.1998, c.108 (C.27:5F-41) is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 8. a. The Director of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety in
17 the Department of Law and Public Safety, after consultation with
18 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
19 Commission in, but not of, the Department of Transportation, shall
20 develop curriculum guidelines for use by teachers of approved
21 classroom driver education courses. The course of instruction for
22 approved courses shall be no less than 30 hours in length and be
23 designed to develop and instill the knowledge and attitudes
24 necessary for the safe operation and driving of motor vehicles.
25 Defensive driving, highway courtesy, dangers of driving a vehicle
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30 closely, accident avoidance, understanding and respect for the
31 State's motor vehicle laws, insurance fraud, and State requirements
32 for and benefits of maintaining automobile insurance shall be
33 emphasized. The incorporation of these curriculum guidelines in
34 these classroom courses and the use of related instructional
35 materials shall be a requirement for approval of the course by the
36 chief administrator.

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- 47 (3) Causes of accidents among beginning drivers;

- 1 (4) The need to supervise vehicle operation by a beginning
2 driver;
- 3 (5) Methods to coach a beginning driver on how to reduce
4 accidents;
- 5 (6) A description of the graduated driver's license program;
6 **【and】**
- 7 (7) Benefits of classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education
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15 (cf: P.L.2010, c.87, s.20)

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17 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
18 month after enactment.

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SENATE, No. 266

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

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46 license only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued
47 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. The

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1 fee for licenses with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall
2 be fixed by the commission in amounts proportionately less or
3 greater than the fee herein established.

4 The required fee for a license for the 48-month period shall be as
5 follows:

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7 Motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

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9 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

10 Basic driver's license: \$18.

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12 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of
13 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
14 commission's satisfaction that said applicant will use the omnibus
15 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
16 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
17 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

18 The commission shall issue licenses for the following license
19 period on and after the first day of the calendar month immediately
20 preceding the commencement of such period, such licenses to be
21 effective immediately.

22 All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
23 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
24 procedures established by it.

25 The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a permit or
26 license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its estimation,
27 not a proper person to be granted such a permit or license, but no
28 defect of the applicant shall debar the applicant from receiving a
29 permit or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
30 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
31 operating a motor vehicle.

32 In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
33 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
34 shall require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining a
35 permit and license, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence
36 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

37 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
38 document presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age or
39 legal residency is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the
40 commission shall refuse to grant the permit or license until such
41 time as the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the
42 commission's satisfaction.

43 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
44 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
45 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
46 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
47 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an

1 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
2 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
3 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
4 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
5 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
6 technical error by the commission.

7 Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or extend the
8 expiration of any license issued prior to the date this amendatory
9 and supplementary act becomes operative.

10 (cf: P.L.2011, c.13, s.1)

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12 2. Section 8 of P.L.1998, c.108 (C.27:5F-41) is amended to
13 read as follows:

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15 the Department of Law and Public Safety, after consultation with
16 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
17 Commission in, but not of, the Department of Transportation, shall
18 develop curriculum guidelines for use by teachers of approved
19 classroom driver education courses. The course of instruction for
20 approved courses shall be no less than 30 hours in length and be
21 designed to develop and instill the knowledge and attitudes
22 necessary for the safe operation and driving of motor vehicles.
23 Defensive driving, highway courtesy, dangers of driving a vehicle
24 in an aggressive manner, which shall include, but not be limited to,
25 unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or
26 erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices,
27 failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too
28 closely, accident avoidance, understanding and respect for the
29 State's motor vehicle laws, insurance fraud, and State requirements
30 for and benefits of maintaining automobile insurance shall be
31 emphasized. The incorporation of these curriculum guidelines in
32 these classroom courses and the use of related instructional
33 materials shall be a requirement for approval of the course by the
34 chief administrator.

35 b. The Director of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety, in
36 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
37 Vehicle Commission, shall produce an informational brochure for
38 parents and guardians of beginning drivers under the age of 18
39 years. The commission shall ensure that the parents or guardians of
40 a permit holder receive these brochures at the time a permit is
41 issued to a beginning driver. The brochures shall include, but not be
42 limited to, the following information:

- 43 (1) Setting an example for the beginning driver;
- 44 (2) Accident and fatality statistics about beginning drivers;
- 45 (3) Causes of accidents among beginning drivers;
- 46 (4) The need to supervise vehicle operation by a beginning
47 driver;

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- 1 (5) Methods to coach a beginning driver on how to reduce
2 accidents;
- 3 (6) A description of the graduated driver's license program;
4 **[and]**
- 5 (7) Benefits of classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education
6 under the direction of State certified or licensed driving instructors,
7 as the case may be; and
- 8 (8) The dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner,
9 which shall include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the
10 speed of a vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
11 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
12 and following another vehicle too closely.
13 (cf: P.L.2010, c.87, s.20)

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15 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
16 month after enactment.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires that the curriculum for approved classroom
22 driver education courses and the informational brochure distributed
23 by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to the
24 parents and guardians of beginning drivers include information on
25 the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner. The bill
26 specifies that driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner includes,
27 but is not limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle,
28 making improper or erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic
29 control devices, failing to yield the right of way, and following
30 another vehicle too closely.

31 The bill further requires the MVC to include the dangers of
32 driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner as part of the written
33 examination required to obtain an examination permit and basic
34 driver's license.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 266

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 27, 2014

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 266.

As reported, this bill requires that the curriculum for approved classroom driver education courses and the informational brochure distributed by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to the parents and guardians of beginning drivers include information on the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner. The bill specifies that driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner includes, but is not limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too closely.

The bill further requires the MVC to include the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner as part of the written examination required to obtain an examination permit and basic driver's license.

The bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 266

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 266.

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The bill further requires the MVC to include the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner as part of the written examination required to obtain an examination permit and basic driver's license.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 266 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1013 which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1013

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Requires high school driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include aggressive driving information.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/6/2014)

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1 AN ACT concerning aggressive driving and amending R.S.39:3-10
2 and P.L.1998, c.108.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.39:3-10 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-10. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a public
9 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while
10 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to
11 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a
12 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to
13 that person in accordance with this article.

14 No person under 18 years of age shall be issued a basic license to
15 drive motor vehicles, nor shall a person be issued a validated
16 permit, including a validated examination permit, until the applicant
17 has passed a satisfactory examination and other requirements as to
18 the applicant's ability as an operator. The examination shall include
19 a test of the applicant's vision, the applicant's ability to understand
20 traffic control devices, the applicant's knowledge of safe driving
21 practices, including the dangers of aggressive driving as that term is
22 defined in subsection c. of section 8 of P.L.1998, c.108 (C.27:5F-
23 41), and of the effects that ingestion of alcohol or drugs has on a
24 person's ability to operate a motor vehicle, the applicant's
25 knowledge of such portions of the mechanism of motor vehicles as
26 is necessary to insure the safe operation of a vehicle of the kind or
27 kinds indicated by the applicant, and of the laws and ordinary
28 usages of the road. No person shall sit for an examination for any
29 permit without exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable
30 by the commission, unless that person is a high school student
31 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved
32 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,
33 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of
34 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1). The commission may waive the
35 written law knowledge examination for any person 18 years of age
36 or older possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state,
37 the District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of
38 American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. The
39 commission shall be required to provide that person with a booklet
40 that highlights those motor vehicle laws unique to New Jersey. A
41 road test shall be required for a probationary license and serve as a
42 demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a vehicle of the
43 class designated. No person shall sit for a road test unless that
44 person exhibits photo identification deemed acceptable by the
45 commission. A high school student who has completed a course of

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 behind-the-wheel automobile driving education approved by the
2 State Department of Education and conducted in a public, parochial,
3 or private school of this State, who has been issued a special
4 learner's permit pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-
5 13.1) prior to January 1, 2003, shall not be required to exhibit photo
6 identification in order to sit for a road test. The commission may
7 waive the road test for any person 18 years of age or older
8 possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state, the
9 District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of American
10 Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. The road test
11 shall be given on public streets, where practicable and feasible, but
12 may be preceded by an off-street screening process to assess basic
13 skills. The commission shall approve locations for the road test
14 which pose no more than a minimal risk of injury to the applicant,
15 the examiner, and other motorists. No new locations for the road
16 test shall be approved unless the test can be given on public streets.

17 A person who successfully completes a road test for a
18 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a
19 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of
20 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license
21 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of such vehicles to
22 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic
23 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road
24 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when
25 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more
26 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or
27 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.
28 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle
29 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of
30 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a
31 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine
32 displacement.

33 The commission shall issue a basic driver's license to operate a
34 motor vehicle other than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of
35 age who previously has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle
36 in this State or another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1)
37 operated a passenger automobile in compliance with the
38 requirements of this title for not less than one year, not including
39 any period of suspension or postponement, from the date of
40 issuance of a probationary license pursuant to section 4 of
41 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been assessed more than two
42 motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted in the previous year for
43 a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-
44 50.4a), P.L.1992, c.189 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129, N.J.S.2C:11-
45 5, subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other motor vehicle-
46 related violation the commission determines to be significant and
47 applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an examination of

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1 the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this
2 section.

3 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination by
4 20%. The additional questions to be added shall consist solely of
5 questions developed in conjunction with the State Department of
6 Health and Senior Services concerning the use of alcohol or drugs
7 as related to highway safety. The commission shall develop in
8 conjunction with the State Department of Health and Senior
9 Services supplements to the driver's manual which shall include
10 information necessary to answer any question on the driver's license
11 examination concerning alcohol or drugs as related to highway
12 safety.

13 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects
14 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance
15 to youthful drivers, such as the dangers of aggressive driving as that
16 term is defined in subsection c. of section 8 of P.L.1998, c.108
17 (C.27:5F-41), after consultation with the Director of the Division of
18 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
19 Safety.

20 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
21 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
22 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"
23 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on
24 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs
25 or tissues pursuant to P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

26 Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor
27 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the
28 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by
29 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's
30 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a
31 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.
32 An applicant for a permit or license who is less than 18 years of
33 age, and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile
34 issued by another state or country that is valid or has expired within
35 a time period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the
36 permit and license requirements and penalties applicable to State
37 permit and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if
38 the other state or country has permit or license standards
39 substantially similar to those of this State, the credentials of the
40 other state or country shall be acceptable.

41 The commission shall create classified licensing of drivers
42 covering the following classifications:

43 a. Motorcycles, except that for the purposes of this section,
44 motorcycle shall not include any three-wheeled motor vehicle
45 equipped with a single cab with glazing enclosing the occupant,
46 seats similar to those of a passenger vehicle or truck, seat belts and
47 automotive steering or any vehicle defined as a motorcycle pursuant

1 to R.S.39:1-1 having a motor with a maximum piston displacement
2 that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor that is rated at no
3 more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed of no more
4 than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

5 b. Omnibuses as classified by R.S.39:3-10.1 and school buses
6 classified under N.J.S.18A:39-1 et seq.

7 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.28).

8 d. All motor vehicles not included in classifications a. and b. A
9 license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
10 as the "basic driver's license."

11 Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be a
12 holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under
13 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the basic driver's
14 license.

15 A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately, but
16 if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
17 endorsement on the basic driver's license. The holder of a basic
18 driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall be
19 authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a maximum
20 piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor
21 that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum
22 speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.

23 The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it or a
24 person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is satisfied
25 of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its discretion, issue
26 a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle. The license shall
27 authorize him to drive any registered vehicle, of the kind or kinds
28 indicated, and shall expire, except as otherwise provided, on the last
29 day of the 48th calendar month following the calendar month in
30 which such license was issued.

31 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
32 issue licenses which shall expire on a date fixed by it. If the
33 commission issues a license to a person who has demonstrated
34 authorization to be present in the United States for a period of time
35 shorter than the standard period of the license, the commission shall
36 fix the expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in
37 which the person is authorized to be present in the United States
38 under federal immigration laws. The commission may renew such a
39 license only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued
40 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. The
41 fee for licenses with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall
42 be fixed by the commission in amounts proportionately less or
43 greater than the fee herein established.

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17 procedures established by it.

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20 not a proper person to be granted such a permit or license, but no
21 defect of the applicant shall debar the applicant from receiving a
22 permit or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
23 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
24 operating a motor vehicle.

25 In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
26 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
27 shall require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining a
28 permit and license, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence
29 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

30 If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
31 document presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age or
32 legal residency is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the
33 commission shall refuse to grant the permit or license until such
34 time as the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the
35 commission's satisfaction.

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38 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
39 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
40 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
41 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue
42 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
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45 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
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4 (cf: P.L.2011, c.13, s.1)

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12 classroom driver education courses. The course of instruction for
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14 designed to develop and instill the knowledge and attitudes
15 necessary for the safe operation and driving of motor vehicles.
16 Defensive driving, highway courtesy, dangers of aggressive driving,
17 accident avoidance, understanding and respect for the State's motor
18 vehicle laws, insurance fraud, and State requirements for and
19 benefits of maintaining automobile insurance shall be emphasized.
20 The incorporation of these curriculum guidelines in these classroom
21 courses and the use of related instructional materials shall be a
22 requirement for approval of the course by the chief administrator.

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24 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
25 Vehicle Commission, shall produce an informational brochure for
26 parents and guardians of beginning drivers under the age of 18
27 years. The commission shall ensure that the parents or guardians of
28 a permit holder receive these brochures at the time a permit is
29 issued to a beginning driver. The brochures shall include, but not be
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32 (2) Accident and fatality statistics about beginning drivers;

33 (3) Causes of accidents among beginning drivers;

34 (4) The need to supervise vehicle operation by a beginning
35 driver;

36 (5) Methods to coach a beginning driver on how to reduce
37 accidents;

38 (6) A description of the graduated driver's license program;

39 **[and]**

40 (7) Benefits of classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education
41 under the direction of State certified or licensed driving instructors,
42 as the case may be; and

43 (8) The dangers of aggressive driving.

44 c. For the purposes of this section, a person commits
45 aggressive driving if:

46 (1) during a course of conduct, the person exceeds the lawful
47 speed limit under R.S.39:4-98 and violates two of the following

1 motor vehicle offenses:

2 (a) failure to obey traffic control devices as defined in R.S.39:1-
3 1;

4 (b) overtake and pass another vehicle on the right by driving off
5 the pavement or main traveled portion of the roadway, unless in
6 conformity with R.S.39:4-85;

7 (c) unsafe lane change;

8 (d) follow a vehicle too closely; or

9 (e) failure to yield the right-of-way; and

10 (2) the person's driving constitutes an immediate hazard to
11 another person or vehicle.

12 For the purposes of this subsection, "course of conduct" means a
13 series of acts committed during a single, continuous period of
14 driving.

15 (cf: P.L.2010, c.87, s.20)

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17 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
18 month after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would require that the curriculum for driver education
24 courses taught in this State's public high schools include
25 information on the dangers of aggressive driving, also referred to as
26 "road rage."

27 Under current law, the Office of Highway Traffic Safety
28 (OHTS), in consultation with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
29 Commission (MVC), is required to develop curriculum guidelines
30 for use by teachers of approved driver education courses. These
31 courses are to instill knowledge in students on the safe operation of
32 a motor vehicle. This bill specifies that the dangers of aggressive
33 driving are to be taught as a component of safely operating a
34 vehicle.

35 The bill also would require the informational brochure
36 distributed by the MVC to beginning drivers and their parents to
37 include information on the dangers of aggressive driving.

38 This bill further requires the MVC to include the dangers of
39 aggressive driving as part of the written examination required to
40 obtain a permit to drive, and a specific question targeted toward
41 youthful drivers on this topic may be added to the examination.

42 Under the bill, a person commits aggressive driving if during a
43 course of conduct, he or she commits a speeding violation and two
44 of the following motor vehicle offenses and, in addition, his or her
45 driving constitutes an immediate hazard to another person or
46 vehicle: (1) failure to obey traffic control devices as defined in
47 R.S.39:1-1; (2) unlawful overtaking and passing another vehicle on
48 the right by driving off the pavement or main traveled portion of the

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1 roadway; (3) unsafe lane change; (4) following a vehicle too
2 closely; or (5) failure to yield the right-of-way. The bill defines
3 “course of conduct” as a series of acts committed during a single,
4 continuous period of driving.

5 The bill is intended to teach new drivers the very real dangers of
6 engaging in “road rage.”

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1013

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1013.

As amended and reported, this bill requires that the curriculum for approved classroom driver education courses and the informational brochure distributed by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to the parents and guardians of beginning drivers include information on the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner. The bill specifies that driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner includes, but is not limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too closely.

The bill further requires the MVC to include the dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner as part of the written examination required to obtain an examination permit and basic driver's license.

As amended, Assembly Bill No. 1013 is identical to Senate Bill No. 266 which was also considered and released by the committee on this date.

The bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to refer to driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, rather than aggressive driving, and to specify that driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner includes, but is not limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way, and following another vehicle too closely.