

39:4-129

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Requires insurance identification card to be exhibited to injured party)

HJSA 39:4-129

LAWS OF 1977 CHAPTER 407

Bill No. A1275

Sponsor(s) Hamilton and others

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| Sponsor statement | Yes | No (Below) |
| Committee Statement: Assembly | Yes | No |
| Senate | Yes | No |
| Fiscal Note | Yes | No |
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| Reports | Yes | No |
| Hearings | Yes | No |

Sponsor's Statement:

The purpose of this bill is to require the driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident to exhibit his insurance identification card to person insured or whose property has been damaged; this bill is also intended to conform this section of the law with P.L. 1972, C.200, which requires the driver or operator of a motor vehicle to exhibit his insurance identification card to a police officer and is also a further extension of the compulsory motor vehicle insurance statute, P.L. 1972, C.197.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Assemblymen HAMILTON, BARBOUR, PATERO, OTLOWSKI,
KARCHER and BORNHEIMER

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles, and amending R. S. 39:4-129.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:4-129 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:4-129. (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident
3 resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately stop
4 the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as pos-
5 sible but shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall
6 remain at the scene until he has fulfilled the requirements of sub-
7 section (c) of this section. Every such stop shall be made without
8 obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Any person who shall
9 violate this subsection shall be fined in the sum of \$100.00, or be
10 imprisoned for a period of 30 days, or both, for the first offense,
11 and for a subsequent offense shall be fined in the sum of \$500.00,
12 or be imprisoned for a period of 6 months, or both.

13 (b) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting
14 only in damage to a vehicle, including his own vehicle, or other
15 property which is attended by any person shall immediately stop
16 his vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as
17 possible, but shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall
18 remain at the scene of such accident until he has fulfilled the re-
19 quirements of subsection (c) of this section. Every such stop shall
20 be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Any
21 person who shall violate this subsection shall be fined not less than
22 \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, or be imprisoned for a period of not
23 more than 30 days, or both, for the first offense, and for a subse-
24 quent offense, shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than

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

25 \$200.00, or be imprisoned for a period of not less than 30 days nor
26 more than 90 days, or both.

27 (c) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting
28 in injury or death to any person or damage to any vehicle or
29 property shall give his name and address and exhibit his opera-
30 tor's license [and], registration certificate of his vehicle *and in-*
31 *surance identification card* to the person injured or whose vehicle
32 or property was damaged and to any police officer or witness of the
33 accident, and to the driver or occupants of the vehicle collided with
34 and render to a person injured in the accident reasonable as-
35 sistance, including the carrying of that person to a hospital or a
36 physician for medical or surgical treatment, if it is apparent that
37 the treatment is necessary or is requested by the injured person.

38 In the event that none of the persons specified are in condition to
39 receive the information to which they otherwise would be entitled
40 under this subsection, and no police officer is present, the driver of
41 any vehicle involved in such accident after fulfilling all other re-
42 quirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, insofar as
43 possible on his part to be performed, shall forthwith report such
44 accident to the nearest office of the local police department or of the
45 county police of the county or of the State Police and submit thereto
46 the information specified in this subsection.

47 (d) The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is involved
48 in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is un-
49 attended resulting in any damage to such vehicle or other property
50 shall immediately stop and shall then and there locate and notify
51 the operator or owner of such vehicle or other property of the name
52 and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the
53 unattended vehicle or other property or, in the event an unattended
54 vehicle is struck and the driver or owner thereof cannot be imme-
55 diately located, shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or
56 on such vehicle a written notice giving the name and address of
57 the driver and owner of the vehicle doing the striking or, in the
58 event other property is struck and the owner thereof cannot be
59 immediately located, shall notify the nearest office of the local
60 police department or of the county police of the county or of the
61 State Police and in addition shall notify the owner of the property
62 as soon as the owner can be identified and located. Any person who
63 violates this subsection shall be punished as provided in subsection
64 (b) of this section.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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