

39:3-38.1 et seq.

LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

N.J.R.S. 39:3-38.1 et seq.

on MV driver licenses, registry certificates -  
falsification & forgery.

( Amendment )

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SENATE BILL 1512 OCR

ASSEMBLY BILL

INTRODUCED Dec. 10, 1974

BY Marussia et others

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

(YES) NO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

(YES) <sup>See other side</sup> NO

SENATE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

YES (NO)

FISCAL NOTE

YES (NO)

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE

(YES) NO

HEARING None discovered

VETO

SPONSOR'S

STATEMENT to Senate, No. 1512

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SENATE, No. 1512

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 10, 1974

By Senators MARESSA and McGAHN

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

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7A *the same to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited with*  
7B *the intent to use the same unlawfully\**; or

8 **[(b)]** *b. Exhibits to a motor vehicle inspector, police officer or*  
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11 *tration or driver's license, knowing the same to be falsely made,*  
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13 **[(c)]** *c. Exhibits to any person, for purposes of identification,*  
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18 *Director of Motor Vehicles, is guilty of a \***[misdemeanor]**\**  
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1 2. (New section) Any person who:

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6     motor vehicle certificate of registration or driver's license; or

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[ASSEMBLY REPRINT]

## SENATE, No. 1512

with Assembly committee amendments adopted April 24, 1975

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1512**  
with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: APRIL 24, 1975

This bill, as amended in committee, would make the knowing possession of a falsely made, altered or counterfeited motor vehicle certificate of registration or driver's license with the intent to use the same unlawfully a disorderly persons offense.

The bill would also make the possession with the intent to distribute such documents, and the forging or sale of such documents a misdemeanor.



ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

**SENATE, No. 1512**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ADOPTED APRIL 24, 1975

Amend page 1, section 1, line 7, after "license", insert "knowing the same to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited with the intent to use the same unlawfully".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 18, omit "misdemeanor", insert "disorderly persons offense".

Amend page 1, section 2, after line 1, insert new subsection a.

"a. Possesses with intent to distribute two or more false, forged, altered or counterfeited certificates of registration or driver's licenses;"

Amend page 1, section 2, line 2, omit "a.", insert "b."

Amend page 1, section 2, line 4, omit "b.", insert "c."

Amend page 2, section 2, line 7, omit "c.", insert "d."

Amend page 2, section 2, line 12, omit "high".