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ASSEMBLY, No. 775

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1974 SESSION

By Assemblyman KLEIN

AN ACT concerning school bus drivers, amending R. S. 39:3-10.1
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. R. S. 39:3-10.1 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-10.1. No person shall drive any motor vehicle or trackless
3 trolley with a capacity of more than six passengers and used for
4 the transportation of passengers for hire, except taxicabs, hotel
5 buses, and omnibuses used for the transportation of passengers in
6 interstate or foreign commerce, or any bus used to transport
7 children to and from school pursuant to [R. S. 18:14-8 to 18:14-12,
8 inclusive,] *chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes or*
9 *when being used by a private school to transport children to and*
10 *from school, unless specially licensed so to do by the director. Such*
11 *license shall not be granted until the applicant therefor is at least*
12 **[21]* *18* years of age and has passed a satisfactory examination*
13 *in ascertainment of his driving ability and familiarity with the*
14 *mechanism of said vehicle and has presented evidence, satisfactory*
15 *to the director of his previous experience, good character and*
16 *physical fitness. Said license shall be effective until suspended or*
17 *revoked by the director; provided, the special licensee is also the*
18 *holder of a license as provided for in section 39:3-10 of this Title.*

19 Every holder of a special license issued pursuant to this section
20 shall furnish to the director satisfactory evidence of continuing
21 physical fitness, good character and experience once in every 12
22 months after the issuance of the special license.

23 The director may suspend or revoke a license granted under
24 authority of this section for a violation of any of the provisions
25 of this subtitle, or on other reasonable grounds, or where, in his

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

26 opinion, the licensee is either physically or morally unfit to retain
27 the same.

28 The director may make such rules and regulations as he may
29 deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 2. All drivers of buses or other vehicles used by a board of
2 education or by a private school for the transportation of pupils
3 to and from school shall, in addition to any exam required by
4 law, submit to a medical exam for the presence of alcohol, narcotics
5 or habit-producing drugs within the scope of the "New Jersey
6 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act" (P. L. 1970, c. 226,
7 C. 24:21-1 et seq.).

1 3. This act shall take effect ***[immediately]*** **January 1 next*
2 *succeeding enactment**.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY
AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 775

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 10, 1975

This bill would supplement Title 39, ch. 3 and amend R. S. 39:3-10.1 which presently requires the licensing of drivers of buses "used to transport children to and from school pursuant to" R. S. 18:14-8 to 12. The latter statutes have since been repealed and this bill would update the reference to chapter 39 of Title 18A. In addition this bill would:

(1) specifically include drivers of buses used to transport pupils to and from private school;

(2) lower the age for an applicant from 21 to 18; and

(3) supplement existing law by including a section requiring drivers of school buses to submit to a medical exam to determine "the presence of alcohol, narcotics or habit-producing drugs within the scope of" present New Jersey law.

Finally the bill was amended in Assembly committee to take effect January first next succeeding enactment in order to afford an ample opportunity for all parties to comply.
