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Assembly, No. 856 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning used authorized emergency vehicles and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. For the purposes of this section:

8 “Equipment” shall include, but not be limited to, ¹a¹ handheld
9 **1**[spotlights] spotlight¹ affixed to ¹a¹ side **1**[mirrors] mirror¹,
10 **1**[antennas] an antenna¹ used for emergency response
11 communication equipment, ¹a¹ mobile vision and mobile data
12 **1**[terminals] terminal¹, **1**[sirens] a siren¹, ¹a¹ strobe **1**[lights]
13 light¹, or any other light with optional strobe functions typically
14 used on an authorized emergency vehicle;

15 “Marking” shall include, but not be limited to, **1**[any] a¹ decal,
16 insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a
17 State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged
18 in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical
19 transportation; and

20 “Siren” shall include, but not be limited to, an adjustment to the
21 standard horn in a steering wheel.

22 b. **1**[Prior] Except as provided by subsection c. of this section,
23 prior¹ to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency vehicle as
24 defined in R.S.39:1-1, to a person or an entity other than a State or
25 municipal agency; **1**[any] a¹ government entity engaged in law
26 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a
27 volunteer fire company, a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue
28 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles;
29 or a non-governmental emergency service provider, any equipment
30 or marking that would identify the vehicle as an authorized
31 emergency vehicle shall be removed.

32 c. 1¹Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this
33 section, removal of equipment or marking is not required prior to
34 sale or transfer if the authorized emergency vehicle:

35 (1) is excepted from registration pursuant to the provisions of
36 R.S.39:3-1; or

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

1 (2) meets the criteria to be registered as an historic vehicle
2 pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1964, c.95 (C.39:3-
3 27.4).

4 d.¹ The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives for
5 the enforcement of this act.

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7 ¹2. Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. As used in **【this act】** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.):

10 "Chief administrator" means the Chief Administrator of the New
11 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

12 "Historic motor vehicle" **【shall mean】** means any motor vehicle
13 which is :

14 (1) at least 25 years old **【and which is】** :

15 (2) owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition
16 and educational purposes by the owner;

17 **【"Director" shall mean the Director of Motor Vehicles】** and

18 (3) unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in
19 the case of an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in
20 R.S.39:1-1, if an alteration was completed in order for the vehicle to
21 operate as an emergency vehicle.¹

22 (cf: P.L.1964, c.195, s.1)

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24 ¹3. Section 2 of P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.4) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 2. **【Any】** An owner of an historic motor vehicle who is a
27 resident of this State may register **【such】** the motor vehicle under
28 the provisions of **【this act】** P.L.1964, c.195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.).
29 Application for registering an historic vehicle shall be on forms
30 prescribed by the **【director】** chief administrator. Upon proper
31 application and payment of the prescribed fee, the **【director】** chief
32 administrator shall issue a special nonconventional registration and
33 special license plate for each historic motor vehicle registered in
34 this State. **【Such】** The registration and license plate shall be valid
35 during the period of time that the vehicle is owned by the registrant.
36 The fee for **【such】** the registration and license plate shall be
37 **【\$25.00】** \$25. The license plate shall bear the word "historic" and
38 shall be of such design and colors as the **【director】** chief
39 administrator may determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of
40 R.S.39:3-33 or any other law to the contrary, an owner of a vehicle
41 registered as an historic vehicle, or any vehicle manufactured before
42 1945, shall not be required to display more than one special license
43 plate issued for that vehicle, which plate shall be displayed on the
44 rear of the vehicle.¹

45 (cf: P.L.1999, c.305, s.1)

1 ¹~~[2.]~~ 4.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth
2 month following enactment, except the Attorney General may take
3 any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be
4 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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9 Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used
10 emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines
11 or directives.

ASSEMBLY, No. 856

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines or directives.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning used authorized emergency vehicles and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. For the purposes of this act:

8 “Equipment” shall include, but not be limited to, handheld
9 spotlights affixed to side mirrors, antennas used for emergency
10 response communication equipment, mobile vision and mobile data
11 terminals, sirens, strobe lights, or any other light with optional
12 strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency vehicle;

13 “Marking” shall include, but not be limited to, any decal,
14 insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a
15 State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged
16 in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical
17 transportation; and

18 “Siren” shall include, but not be limited to, an adjustment to the
19 standard horn in a steering wheel.

20 b. Prior to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency
21 vehicle as defined in R.S.39:1-1, to a person or an entity other than
22 a State or municipal agency; any government entity engaged in law
23 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a
24 volunteer fire company, a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue
25 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles;
26 or a non-governmental emergency service provider, any equipment
27 or marking that would identify the vehicle as an authorized
28 emergency vehicle shall be removed.

29 c. The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives for
30 the enforcement of this act.

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32 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
33 following enactment, but the Attorney General may take such
34 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
35 for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires that, prior to the sale or transfer of an “authorized
41 emergency vehicle,” any equipment or marking that would identify it
42 as an emergency vehicle be removed.

43 Current law defines “authorized emergency vehicle” as any vehicle
44 of the fire department, police department or ambulance and other
45 vehicles as are approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
46 Motor Vehicle Commission when operated in response to an
47 emergency call. The provisions of this bill would not apply to a State
48 or municipal agency; any government entity engaged in law

1 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a
2 volunteer fire company; a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue
3 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles; or
4 a non-governmental emergency service provider that purchases a used
5 emergency vehicle.

6 Under the bill, equipment required to be removed includes
7 handheld spotlights affixed to side mirrors, antennas used for
8 emergency response communication equipment, mobile vision and
9 mobile data terminals, sirens, strobe lights, or any other light with
10 optional strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency
11 vehicle. Markings that are to be removed include any decal, insignia,
12 or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a State or
13 municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged in law
14 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation.

15 Lastly, the bill requires the Attorney General to issue guidelines or
16 directives for the enforcement of this requirement.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 856

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 856.

This bill requires the removal of equipment and markings prior to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency vehicle to a private individual or entity.

Current law defines “authorized emergency vehicle” as any vehicle of the fire department, a police vehicle, ambulance, and any other vehicles as are approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission when operated in response to an emergency call.

The amended bill provides that unless an authorized emergency vehicle is sold or transferred to a: (1) State or municipal agency; (2) government entity engaged in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; (3) volunteer fire company; (4) volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad; (5) person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles; or (6) a non-governmental emergency service provider that purchases a used emergency vehicle, the equipment and markings are to be removed.

Under the amended bill, “equipment” includes, but is not limited to, a handheld spotlight affixed to a side mirror, an antenna used for emergency response communication equipment, a mobile vision and mobile data terminal, a siren, a strobe light, or any other light with optional strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency vehicle. “Marking” includes, but is not limited to, a decal, insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation.

The amended bill provides an exception for automobile fire engines and any authorized emergency vehicles that meet the criteria to be registered as historic vehicles.

Lastly, the bill requires the Attorney General to issue guidelines or directives for the enforcement of this requirement.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments provide an exception to the bill's requirements for automobile fire engines and any authorized emergency vehicles that meet the criteria to be registered as historic vehicles. The committee amendments also amend the definition of "historic vehicle" to provide that in order to meet the criteria, a vehicle is required to be unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in the case of an authorized emergency vehicle if the alteration was completed in order for the vehicle to operate as an emergency vehicle.

SENATE, No. 1498

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines or directives.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning used authorized emergency vehicles and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. For the purposes of this act:

8 “Equipment” shall include, but not be limited to, handheld
9 spotlights affixed to side mirrors, antennas used for emergency
10 response communication equipment, mobile vision and mobile data
11 terminals, sirens, strobe lights, or any other light with optional
12 strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency vehicle;

13 “Marking” shall include, but not be limited to, any decal,
14 insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a
15 State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged
16 in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical
17 transportation; and

18 “Siren” shall include, but not be limited to, an adjustment to the
19 standard horn in a steering wheel.

20 b. Prior to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency
21 vehicle as defined in R.S.39:1-1, to a person or an entity other than
22 a State or municipal agency; any government entity engaged in law
23 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a
24 volunteer fire company, a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue
25 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles;
26 or a non-governmental emergency service provider, any equipment
27 or marking that would identify the vehicle as an authorized
28 emergency vehicle shall be removed.

29 c. The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives for
30 the enforcement of this act.

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32 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
33 following enactment, but the Attorney General may take such
34 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
35 for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires that, prior to the sale or transfer of an “authorized
41 emergency vehicle,” any equipment or marking that would identify it
42 as an emergency vehicle be removed.

43 Current law defines “authorized emergency vehicle” as any vehicle
44 of the fire department, police department or ambulance and other
45 vehicles as are approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
46 Motor Vehicle Commission when operated in response to an
47 emergency call. The provisions of this bill would not apply to a State
48 or municipal agency; any government entity engaged in law

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1 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; a
2 volunteer fire company; a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue
3 squad; a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles; or
4 a non-governmental emergency service provider that purchases a used
5 emergency vehicle.

6 Under the bill, equipment required to be removed includes
7 handheld spotlights affixed to side mirrors, antennas used for
8 emergency response communication equipment, mobile vision and
9 mobile data terminals, sirens, strobe lights, or any other light with
10 optional strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency
11 vehicle. Markings that are to be removed include any decal, insignia,
12 or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a State or
13 municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged in law
14 enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation.

15 Lastly, the bill requires the Attorney General to issue guidelines or
16 directives for the enforcement of this requirement.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1498

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2017

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1498.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires the removal of equipment and markings prior to the sale or transfer of an authorized emergency vehicle to certain persons or entities.

Under current law, “authorized emergency vehicles” include vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances, and other vehicles that are approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to operate in response to an emergency call.

The amended bill requires that the equipment and markings identifying an authorized emergency vehicle be removed prior to the sale or transfer of the vehicle, unless the recipient is one of the following persons or entities: (1) a State or municipal agency; (2) a government entity engaged in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation; (3) a volunteer fire company; (4) a volunteer first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad; (5) a person who is an authorized dealer of emergency vehicles; or (6) a non-governmental emergency service provider that purchases used emergency vehicles.

Under the amended bill, “equipment” includes, but is not limited to, a handheld spotlight affixed to a side mirror, an antenna used for emergency response communication equipment, a mobile vision and mobile data terminal, a siren, a strobe light, or any other light with optional strobe functions typically used on an authorized emergency vehicle. “Marking” includes, but is not limited to, a decal, insignia, or striping added to the authorized emergency vehicle by a State or municipal agency, or any other government entity engaged in law enforcement, fire services, or emergency medical transportation.

The committee amendments exempt automobile fire engines and authorized emergency vehicles that qualify as historic vehicles from the equipment and markings removal requirement. The committee also amended the definition of “historic vehicle” to require that the vehicle is unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design, except in the case of an authorized emergency vehicle that was altered in order for it to operate as an emergency vehicle.

The bill also requires the Attorney General to issue guidelines or directives for the enforcement of these requirements.

As amended and reported by this committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 856 (1R), also reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) Exempt any authorized emergency vehicle that is excepted from registration pursuant to the provisions of R.S.39:3-1, such as an automobile fire engine, from the bill's equipment and markings removal requirement;

(2) Exempt any authorized emergency vehicle that qualifies as a "historic vehicle" from the bill's equipment and markings removal requirement;

(3) Change the definition of "historic vehicle" to require that the vehicle be unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in the case of an authorized emergency vehicle that was altered in order for it to operate as an emergency vehicle; and

(4) Provide technical changes.