

CHAPTER 164 LAWS OF N. J. 19 73
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ASSEMBLY, No. 516

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 1972

By Assemblyman DE KORTE

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and amending R. S. 39:3-33.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-33 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-33. The owner of an automobile which is driven on the
3 public highways of this State shall display not less than 12 inches
4 nor more than 48 inches from the ground in a horizontal position,
5 and in such a way as not to swing, an identification mark or marks
6 to be furnished by the **[department]** *division*; provided, that if
7 two marks are issued they shall be displayed on the front and
8 rear of the vehicle; and provided, further, that if only one mark is
9 issued it shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle; and provided,
10 further, that the rear identification mark may be displayed more
11 than 48 inches from the ground on tank trucks, trailers and other
12 commercial vehicles carrying inflammable liquids. Motorcycles
13 shall also display an identification mark or marks; provided, that if
14 two marks are issued they shall be displayed on the front and rear
15 of the motorcycle; and provided, further, that if only one mark is
16 issued it shall be displayed on the rear of the motorcycle.

17 The identification mark or marks shall contain the number of the
18 registration certificate of the vehicle and shall be of such design
19 and material as the **[commissioner]** *director* prescribes. **[All**
20 **registration plates or markers issued by the department subsequent**
21 **to August 31, 1969, shall be treated with special reflectorized ma-**
22 **terials designed to increase the visibility and legibility thereof.]**
23 All identification marks shall be kept clear and distinct and free
24 from grease, dust or other blurring matter, so as to be plainly
25 visible at all times of the day and night.

26 The director is authorized and empowered to issue registration
27 plate inserts, to be inserted in and attached to the registration
28 plates or markers described herein. They may be issued in the

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

29 place of new registration plates or markers; and inscribed thereon,
30 in numerals, shall be the year in which registration of the vehicle
31 has been granted.

32 No person shall drive a motor vehicle, the owner of which has
33 not complied with the provisions of this subtitle concerning the
34 proper registration and identification thereof, nor drive a motor
35 vehicle which displays a fictitious number, or a number other than
36 that designated for the motor vehicle in its registration certificate.

37 A person convicted of displaying a fictitious number, as pro-
38 hibited herein, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or
39 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 60 days.

40 A person violating any other provision of this section shall be
41 subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.00. In default of the payment
42 thereof, there shall be imposed an imprisonment in the county jail
43 for a period not exceeding 10 days. A person convicted of a second
44 offense of the same violation may be fined in double the amount
45 herein prescribed for the first offense and may, in default of the
46 payment thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail
47 for a period not exceeding 20 days. These penalties shall not apply
48* to the display of a fictitious number.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 516

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 12, 1972

Assembly Bill No. 516 repeals the requirement that all auto registrations or markers issued subsequent to August 31, 1969 be treated with special reflectorized materials.

The Division of Motor Vehicles states that if reflectorized material was used as the statute presently requires, about \$800,000 would be added to the cost of producing the approximately 1,000,000 pairs of plates it is anticipated will be issued during the next fiscal year.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.