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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 301, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, No. 4387 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the “Next-of-Kin Registry” and amending
2 P.L.2011, c.47.

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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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8 as follows:

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10 Commission shall develop an ¹**Internet**¹ emergency contact
11 information registry program. Under the program, the chief
12 administrator shall establish and maintain an automated Statewide
13 ¹**Internet**¹ registry to be known as the "Next-of-Kin Registry,"
14 which shall be capable of storing emergency contact information to be
15 accessible by law enforcement officials for the purposes established in
16 section 2 of P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.3). Under the program, the
17 holder of any New Jersey State validated permit, probationary or basic
18 driver's license, or non-driver identification card may voluntarily
19 submit¹**[, via the Internet,]**¹ the name and telephone number of two
20 emergency contacts to the "Next-of-Kin ¹**Registry,**" accessible]
21 **Registry"** either¹ through the ¹**Motor Vehicle Commission's**
22 **commission's**¹ website ¹**;** or a person may voluntarily submit the
23 name and telephone number of two emergency contacts to be stored in
24 the “Next-of-Kin Registry” upon issuance of] or ²**[as part of the**
25 process by which¹ an initial or renewal New Jersey State validated
26 permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver
27 identification card ¹**is issued**¹ **]** by mail².

28 b. ¹**[(1)]**¹ In implementing this program, the chief administrator
29 shall establish a process whereby the holder of any validated permit,
30 probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card
31 may ¹:

32 (1)¹electronically sign onto the ¹**Motor Vehicle Commission**
33 **commission's**¹ web site using the holder's validated permit,
34 probationary or basic driver's license number ¹₂¹ or non-driver
35 identification card number ¹**].** The permit holder, licensee, or card
36 holder may then **]** and¹ submit the name and telephone number of up to

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted June 4, 2015.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 7, 2016.

1 two emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry" ¹;
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3 (2) submit the name and telephone number of up to two emergency
4 contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry" ² [as part of the
5 process by which an initial or renewal New Jersey State validated
6 permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver
7 identification card is issued¹] by mail using paper applications
8 provided by the commission in the commission's customer service
9 facilities or through commission mailings².

10 A permit holder, licensee, or non-driver identification card holder
11 who submits the name and telephone number of an emergency contact
12 shall have the opportunity to revise or update the emergency contact
13 information at any time.

14 ¹[(2) The chief administrator shall establish a process whereby a
15 person may submit or update the name and telephone number of up to
16 two emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry"
17 upon issuance of a New Jersey State validated permit, probationary or
18 basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card.]¹

19 c. Information in the "Next-of-Kin Registry" shall be available
20 for the exclusive use of law enforcement officials, and employees of
21 the commission who are designated by the chief administrator, for the
22 purposes of discharging their duties pursuant to P.L.2011, c.47
23 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.). Any emergency contact information submitted to
24 the commission shall not be considered a public record pursuant to
25 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.),
26 or the common law concerning access to public records and shall not
27 be discoverable as a public record by any person, entity, or
28 governmental agency, except upon a subpoena issued by a grand jury
29 or a court order in a criminal matter.

30 d. The chief administrator and employees of the commission who
31 are designated by the chief administrator, for the purposes of
32 discharging their duties pursuant to P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-
33 134.2 et al.), shall not be liable to any person for civil damages, or
34 subject to criminal prosecution resulting from or caused by: (1) any
35 disruption or failure in Internet service caused by any accident,
36 malfunction, act of sabotage or God, or any other condition or
37 circumstance that the commission has not, directly or indirectly,
38 caused and which results in, or prevents, the holder of any New Jersey
39 State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-
40 driver identification card from accessing, or inputting information into,
41 the "Next-of-Kin Registry" or which results in, or prevents, the chief
42 administrator and designated commission employees and law
43 enforcement officers from accessing, establishing, or maintaining the
44 "Next-of-Kin Registry"; (2) any misuse of, or the failure or omission
45 to input accurate information, or the inputting of inaccurate or
46 outdated information into the "Next-of-Kin Registry" by any holder of
47 any New Jersey State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's

1 license, or non-driver identification card; or (3) the inability of any law
2 enforcement officer to make contact, in good faith, with any
3 designated emergency contact person. This limitation of liability is
4 inapplicable if such failure resulted from a malicious purpose or a
5 wanton and willful disregard for the safety of persons or property.

6 e. For the purposes of P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.),
7 "emergency contact person" or "emergency contact" means a person,
8 eighteen years of age or older, whom the holder of any New Jersey
9 State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-
10 driver identification card has designated to be contacted by law
11 enforcement personnel when the permit holder, licensee, or non-driver
12 identification card holder is rendered unable to communicate due to a
13 motor vehicle accident resulting in the serious bodily injury, death, or
14 incapacitation of the permit holder, licensee, or non-driver
15 identification card holder. An "emergency contact person" or
16 "emergency contact" may or may not be the next-of-kin of the permit
17 holder, licensee, or non-driver identification card holder; except that if
18 the permit holder, licensee, or card holder is under the age of eighteen
19 and is not emancipated, the emergency contact person shall be the
20 parent or guardian of that permit holder, licensee, or card holder.
21 (cf: P.L.2011, c.47, s.1)

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23 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
24 following enactment except the chief administrator may take any
25 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
26 to implement this act.

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31 Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry"
32 information by mail.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2015

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN

District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to allow submission of “Next-of-Kin Registry” information upon issuance of permit, driver’s license, or identification card.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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14 shall be capable of storing emergency contact information to be
15 accessible by law enforcement officials for the purposes established
16 in section 2 of P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.3). Under the program,
17 the holder of any New Jersey State validated permit, probationary
18 or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card may
19 voluntarily submit, via the Internet, the name and telephone number
20 of two emergency contacts to the "Next-of-Kin Registry,"
21 accessible through the Motor Vehicle Commission's website; or a
22 person may voluntarily submit the name and telephone number of
23 two emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry"
24 upon issuance of an initial or renewal New Jersey State validated
25 permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver
26 identification card.

27 b. (1) In implementing this program, the chief administrator
28 shall establish a process whereby the holder of any validated
29 permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver
30 identification card may electronically sign onto the Motor Vehicle
31 Commission web site using the holder's validated permit,
32 probationary or basic driver's license number or non-driver
33 identification card number. The permit holder, licensee, or card
34 holder may then submit the name and telephone number of up to
35 two emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry".
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37 who submits the name and telephone number of an emergency
38 contact shall have the opportunity to revise or update the emergency
39 contact information at any time.

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43 Registry" upon issuance of a New Jersey State validated permit,
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10 entity, or governmental agency, except upon a subpoena issued by a
11 grand jury or a court order in a criminal matter.

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21 Jersey State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license,
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23 information into, the "Next-of-Kin Registry" or which results in, or
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41 law enforcement personnel when the permit holder, licensee, or
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46 contact person" or "emergency contact" may or may not be the
47 next-of-kin of the permit holder, licensee, or non-driver
48 identification card holder; except that if the permit holder, licensee,

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7 following enactment except the chief administrator may take any
8 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
9 to implement this act.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
15 Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update
16 emergency contact information to the "Next-of-Kin Registry" when
17 the person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or
18 basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card. The "Next-
19 of-Kin Registry" contains emergency contact information available
20 to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts
21 when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury,
22 death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 4, 2015

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4387.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” (registry) as part of the process by which the person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to clarify that a person is to be allowed to update their emergency contact information during the process by which a permit, license, or non-driver identification card is issued or renewed.

The amendments also specify that all participants in the registry may update their information at any time, regardless of how the initial information was submitted.

The committee also made technical corrections to remove reference to the registry being an internet registry and to restructure the provisions in the bill.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 6, 2015

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires MVC to allow submission of “Next-of-Kin Registry” information upon issuance of permit, driver’s license, or identification card.

Type of Impact: Increased State Cost

Agencies Affected: New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below.		

- The registry to be created by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will likely exist as a database linked to information currently obtained in the existing driver’s license system, similar to the manner in which voter registration and organ donor data is collected through that system. The MVC will likely need to contract with an outside vendor to adjust the driver’s license application software to accept this information, and then to create a database that is populated with this information once collected. An interface will then need to be created for the database so that law enforcement agencies will be able to access this database, when needed, in a secure manner.
- The MVC will likely rely on the assistance of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to update the driver’s license system and create the database or to consult in the creation of a Request For Proposal (RFP) to have an outside vendor perform those tasks. Until the scope of the work is better defined for the tasks involved in creating the registry, it is not possible to determine the cost of establishing the registry.
- Comparable recent technology initiatives, such as the “yellow dot” program and legislation to allow allergy and other medical statuses to be noted on driver’s licenses, would have required similar types of upgrades to MVC software. Based on previous estimates provided by the MVC for those programs, a likely range of costs would be in the \$50,000 to \$250,000 range for the appropriate updates to MVC software.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 4387 (1R) of 2015 requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” (registry) as part of the process by which the person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services finds that it is not possible to determine the cost of the bill at this time. The chief administrator will be responsible for determining how the license application process will collect this next-of-kin information and transfer it to a searchable database that will serve as a registry for law enforcement. The MVC will likely utilize the assistance of OIT, where OIT may be able to perform this work internally if the software tasks are relatively uncomplicated, or OIT will assist MVC in creating an RFP to hire an outside contractor for the work on MVC software necessary to update the driver’s license software and create the next-of-kin database. Once it is determined how these changes are to take place, the costs will become clearer either through competitive bidding or an allocation of staff hours.

Comparable recent technology initiatives, such as the “yellow dot” program and legislation to allow allergy and other medical statuses to be noted on driver’s licenses, involved similar changes to the driver’s license data system. Based on previous estimates provided by the MVC for those programs, a likely range of costs would be in the \$50,000 to \$250,000 range for the appropriate updates to MVC software. Now that the Motor Vehicle Automated Transaction System (MATRX) program has been cancelled, it is not clear how that will impact the costs for these types of MVC software changes. Presumably there will no longer be costs related to adjusting the scope of the MATRX program to accommodate these changes; however there will also be no progress in updating the underlying technology that would presumably make such software changes easier and less costly to implement.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Patrick Brennan
Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4387 (1R).

As reported, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” (registry) as part of the process by which a person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger.

As reported, Assembly Bill No. 4387(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3016 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4387 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” by mail.

The “Next-of-Kin Registry” is a Statewide registry established in accordance with P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.) that allows certain individuals to voluntarily submit emergency contact information through a web-based system maintained by the commission. The contact information contained in the registry is available to law enforcement officials for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or any passenger.

Under current law, individuals may electronically submit emergency contact information for inclusion in the registry. The law provides that the holder of any validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card may electronically sign onto the commission’s website using the holder’s validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license number, or non-driver identification card number and then submit the name and telephone number of up to two emergency contacts to be stored in the registry.

This bill amends current law to provide additional means to submit emergency contact information for inclusion in the registry. Under the bill, the chief administrator is required to establish a process that allows the holder of any validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card to also submit the name and telephone number of up to two emergency contacts to be stored in the registry by mail using paper applications provided by the commission in the commission’s customer service facilities or through commission mailings.

The bill takes effect on the first day of the third month following enactment, but permits the chief administrator to take anticipatory administrative actions in advance of the bill's effective date as are necessary to implement the bill.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3016, as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments eliminate the option for persons to submit emergency contact information to the registry as part of the process by which the person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card. Instead, the amendments specify that persons may submit or update their emergency contact information by mail using paper applications provided by the commission in the commission's customer service facilities or through commission mailings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services expects this bill will result in an indeterminate cost increase. The chief administrator will need to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in commission service facilities and through commission mailings. This method will require the commission to create a new paper form for individuals to fill out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.

Information necessary to determine the cost of establishing this system includes data about the level of utilization of this new paper-based system, the staffing cost for those who will need to enter these data, and the degree to which these data entry processes can be integrated into the workflow for existing staff processing similar paperwork.

The level of utilization for a paper-based system is highly uncertain because there is an existing electronic system available through the commission's website. While the commission faces certain fixed costs in maintaining the electronic registry and website interface that it has already created, there is no incremental cost to the commission for each individual that submits data through the website. However, the commission will face incremental costs for each individual that submits data through the paper system because it will require staff time to process and enter the data as well as printing of registry forms. The commission will experience lower costs if it can encourage individuals to utilize the website to submit data to the registry rather than the paper-based mail-in system.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2016

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires MVC to allow submission of “Next-of-Kin Registry” information by mail.
- Type of Impact:** Increased State Cost
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate Increase – See comments below		

- The ‘Next of Kin Registry’ (registry) to be created by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is a database that already exists and can be updated by visiting the MVC website. This existing functionality satisfies one of the means that the MVC is required to provide for individuals to submit information to the registry.
- The second method is for the MVC to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in MVC service facilities and through MVC mailings. This option will require the MVC create a new paper form for individuals to fill-out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.
- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) lacks sufficient information to determine the impact of this bill due to a lack of information about the level of utilization of this paper based system, the staffing cost for those who will need to enter this data, and the degree to which these data entry processes can be integrated into the workflow for existing staff processing similar paperwork.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 4387 (2R) of 2015 requires the Chief Administrator of the MVC to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin

Registry” (registry) on the commission’s website or by mail. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger. Currently, a person may only submit or update emergency contact information to the registry through the MVC’s website.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that this bill will result in an indeterminate cost increase. The Chief Administrator of the MVC will need to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in MVC service facilities and through MVC mailings. This method will require the MVC create a new paper form for individuals to fill out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.

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The level of utilization for a paper-based system is highly uncertain because there is an existing electronic system available through the MVC website. While the MVC does face certain fixed costs in maintaining the electronic registry and website interface that it has already created, there is no incremental cost to the MVC for each individual that submits data through the website. However, the MVC will face incremental costs for each individual that submits data through the paper system because it will require staff time to process and enter the data as well as the printing of registry forms. The MVC will experience lower costs if it can encourage individuals to utilize the web site to submit data to the registry rather than the paper-based mail in system.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Patrick Brennan
Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Frank W. Haines, III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 3016

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 2015

Sponsored by:
Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE
District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to allow submission of “Next-of-Kin Registry” information upon issuance of permit, driver’s license, or identification card.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S3016 VITALE

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16 established in section 2 of P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.3). Under
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18 probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification
19 card may voluntarily submit**[, via the Internet,]** the name and
20 telephone number of two emergency contacts to the "Next-of-Kin
21 **[Registry, accessible]** Registry" either through the **[Motor Vehicle**
22 Commission's] commission's website or as part of the process by
23 which an initial or renewal New Jersey State validated permit,
24 probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification
25 card is issued.

26 b. In implementing this program, the chief administrator shall
27 establish a process whereby the holder of any validated permit,
28 probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification
29 card may:

30 (1) electronically sign onto the **[Motor Vehicle Commission]**
31 commission's web site using the holder's validated permit,
32 probationary or basic driver's license number , or non-driver
33 identification card number **[**. The permit holder, licensee, or card
34 holder may then**]** and submit the name and telephone number of up
35 to two emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin
36 Registry"; or

37 (2) submit the name and telephone number of up to two
38 emergency contacts to be stored in the "Next-of-Kin Registry" as
39 part of the process by which an initial or renewal New Jersey State
40 validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-
41 driver identification card is issued.

42 A permit holder, licensee, or non-driver identification card
43 holder who submits the name and telephone number of an

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.

1 emergency contact shall have the opportunity to revise or update the
2 emergency contact information at any time.

3 c. Information in the "Next-of-Kin Registry" shall be available
4 for the exclusive use of law enforcement officials, and employees of
5 the commission who are designated by the chief administrator, for
6 the purposes of discharging their duties pursuant to P.L.2011, c.47
7 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.). Any emergency contact information submitted
8 to the commission shall not be considered a public record pursuant
9 to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-
10 5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to public records
11 and shall not be discoverable as a public record by any person,
12 entity, or governmental agency, except upon a subpoena issued by a
13 grand jury or a court order in a criminal matter.

14 d. The chief administrator and employees of the commission
15 who are designated by the chief administrator, for the purposes of
16 discharging their duties pursuant to P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-
17 134.2 et al.), shall not be liable to any person for civil damages, or
18 subject to criminal prosecution resulting from or caused by: (1) any
19 disruption or failure in Internet service caused by any accident,
20 malfunction, act of sabotage or God, or any other condition or
21 circumstance that the commission has not, directly or indirectly,
22 caused and which results in, or prevents, the holder of any New
23 Jersey State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license,
24 or non-driver identification card from accessing, or inputting
25 information into, the "Next-of-Kin Registry" or which results in, or
26 prevents, the chief administrator and designated commission
27 employees and law enforcement officers from accessing,
28 establishing, or maintaining the "Next-of-Kin Registry"; (2) any
29 misuse of, or the failure or omission to input accurate information,
30 or the inputting of inaccurate or outdated information into the
31 "Next-of-Kin Registry" by any holder of any New Jersey State
32 validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-
33 driver identification card; or (3) the inability of any law
34 enforcement officer to make contact, in good faith, with any
35 designated emergency contact person. This limitation of liability is
36 inapplicable if such failure resulted from a malicious purpose or a
37 wanton and willful disregard for the safety of persons or property.

38 e. For the purposes of P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.),
39 "emergency contact person" or "emergency contact" means a
40 person, eighteen years of age or older, whom the holder of any New
41 Jersey State validated permit, probationary or basic driver's license,
42 or non-driver identification card has designated to be contacted by
43 law enforcement personnel when the permit holder, licensee, or
44 non-driver identification card holder is rendered unable to
45 communicate due to a motor vehicle accident resulting in the
46 serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of the permit holder,
47 licensee, or non-driver identification card holder. An "emergency
48 contact person" or "emergency contact" may or may not be the

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1 next-of-kin of the permit holder, licensee, or non-driver
2 identification card holder; except that if the permit holder, licensee,
3 or card holder is under the age of eighteen and is not emancipated,
4 the emergency contact person shall be the parent or guardian of that
5 permit holder, licensee, or card holder.

6 (cf: P.L.2011, c.47, s.1)

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8 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
9 following enactment except the chief administrator may take any
10 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
11 to implement this act.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
17 Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update
18 emergency contact information to the "Next-of-Kin Registry"
19 (registry) as part of a process by which the person is issued an
20 initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or
21 non-driver identification card. The registry contains emergency
22 contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of
23 notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results
24 in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or
25 passenger.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3016

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3016.

As reported, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” (registry) as part of the process by which a person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger.

As reported, Senate Bill No. 3016 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4387(1R) which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3016

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3016, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to allow a person to submit emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry” by mail.

The “Next-of-Kin Registry” is a Statewide registry established in accordance with P.L.2011, c.47 (C.39:4-134.2 et al.) that allows certain individuals to voluntarily submit emergency contact information through a web-based system maintained by the commission. The contact information contained in the registry is available to law enforcement officials for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or any passenger.

Under current law, individuals may electronically submit emergency contact information for inclusion in the registry. The law provides that the holder of any validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card may electronically sign onto the commission’s website using the holder’s validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license number, or non-driver identification card number and then submit the name and telephone number of up to two emergency contacts to be stored in the registry.

This bill amends current law to provide additional means to submit emergency contact information for inclusion in the registry. Under the bill, the chief administrator is required to establish a process that allows the holder of any validated permit, probationary or basic driver’s license, or non-driver identification card to also submit the name and telephone number of up to two emergency contacts to be stored in the registry by mail using paper applications provided by the commission in the commission’s customer service facilities or through commission mailings.

The bill takes effect on the first day of the third month following enactment, but permits the chief administrator to take anticipatory

administrative actions in advance of the bill's effective date as are necessary to implement the bill.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4387 (1R), as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments eliminate the option for persons to submit emergency contact information to the registry as part of the process by which the person is issued an initial or renewal permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card. Instead, the amendments specify that persons may submit or update their emergency contact information by mail using paper applications provided by the commission in the commission's customer service facilities or through commission mailings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services expects this bill will result in an indeterminate cost increase. The chief administrator will need to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in commission service facilities and through commission mailings. This method will require the commission to create a new paper form for individuals to fill out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.

Information necessary to determine the cost of establishing this system includes data about the level of utilization of this new paper-based system, the staffing cost for those who will need to enter these data, and the degree to which these data entry processes can be integrated into the workflow for existing staff processing similar paperwork.

The level of utilization for a paper-based system is highly uncertain because there is an existing electronic system available through the commission's website. While the commission faces certain fixed costs in maintaining the electronic registry and website interface that it has already created, there is no incremental cost to the commission for each individual that submits data through the website. However, the commission will face incremental costs for each individual that submits data through the paper system because it will require staff time to process and enter the data as well as printing of registry forms. The commission will experience lower costs if it can encourage individuals to utilize the website to submit data to the registry rather than the paper-based mail-in system.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3016 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2016

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires MVC to allow submission of “Next-of-Kin Registry” information by mail.
- Type of Impact:** Increased State Cost
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate Increase – See comments below		

- The ‘Next of Kin Registry’ (registry) to be created by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is a database that already exists and can be updated by visiting the MVC website. This existing functionality satisfies one of the means that the MVC is required to provide for individuals to submit information to the registry.
- The second method is for the MVC to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in MVC service facilities and through MVC mailings. This option will require the MVC create a new paper form for individuals to fill-out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.
- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) lacks sufficient information to determine the impact of this bill due to a lack of information about the level of utilization of this paper based system, the staffing cost for those who will need to enter this data, and the degree to which these data entry processes can be integrated into the workflow for existing staff processing similar paperwork.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 3016 (1R) of 2015 requires the Chief Administrator of the MVC to allow a person to submit or update emergency contact information to the “Next-of-Kin Registry”

(registry) on the commission's website or by mail. The registry contains emergency contact information available to law enforcement for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger. Currently, a person may only submit or update emergency contact information to the registry through the MVC's website.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that this bill will result in an indeterminate cost increase. The Chief Administrator of the MVC will need to establish a paper-based mail in system that allows individuals to fill out paper forms provided in MVC service facilities and through MVC mailings. This method will require the MVC create a new paper form for individuals to fill out and require staff time to enter the data submitted through paper forms into the database.

Information necessary to determine the cost of establishing this system includes data about the level of utilization of this new paper based system, the staffing cost for those who will need to enter this data, and the degree to which these data entry processes can be integrated into the workflow for existing staff processing similar paperwork.

The level of utilization for a paper-based system is highly uncertain because there is an existing electronic system available through the MVC website. While the MVC does face certain fixed costs in maintaining the electronic registry and website interface that it has already created, there is no incremental cost to the MVC for each individual that submits data through the website. However, the MVC will face incremental costs for each individual that submits data through the paper system because it will require staff time to process and enter the data as well as the printing of registry forms. The MVC will experience lower costs if it can encourage individuals to utilize the web site to submit data to the registry rather than the paper-based mail in system.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

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Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferral for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **A-4323/S-2952 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Muoio, Benson/Beach, Whelan)** - Expands timeframe for renewal of driver's license, registration, and inspection by military personnel and immediate family members under certain circumstances.
- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis
- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased
- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees
- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services
- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD
- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions
- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof
- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"
- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications
- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm
- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation
- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments
- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment
- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsen, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Ribbe, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

- **A-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

- **A-3435wGR/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon)** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"
- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician
- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers
- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes
- **A-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail
- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"
- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency
- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers
- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State
- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses
- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"
- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth
- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process
- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services

- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Daniels, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects

- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them

- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttie)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs

- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttie)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed

- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program

- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes

- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements

- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate

- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto

- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances

- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits

- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns

- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property

- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttie)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

• **A-3981wGR/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan)** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

• **A-3984wGR/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

• **A-3985wGR/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

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