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## P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 276, *approved December 20*, *2019*Senate Committee Substitute (*Fifth Reprint*) for Senate, No. 1080

1	AN ACT concerning certain driver's license suspensions <sup>3</sup> [1and
2	restricted use driver's license endorsement 1, ]3 and amending, 1,
3	supplementing, and repealing various parts of the statutory law.

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

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- <sup>1</sup>[1. Section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) is amended to read as follows:
- 24. Disposition of delinquency cases. a. In determining the appropriate disposition for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent the court shall weigh the following factors:
  - (1) The nature and circumstances of the offense;
  - (2) The degree of injury to persons or damage to property caused by the juvenile's offense;
  - (3) The juvenile's age, previous record, prior social service received, and out-of-home placement history;
  - (4) Whether the disposition supports family strength, responsibility and unity and the well-being and physical safety of the juvenile;
  - (5) Whether the disposition provides for reasonable participation by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, provided, however, that the failure of a parent or parents to cooperate in the disposition shall not be weighed against the juvenile in arriving at an appropriate disposition;
  - (6) Whether the disposition recognizes and treats the unique physical, psychological, and social characteristics and needs of the child;
  - (7) Whether the disposition contributes to the developmental needs of the child, including the academic and social needs of the child where the child has intellectual disabilities or learning disabilities;
- (8) Any other circumstances related to the offense and the juvenile's social history as deemed appropriate by the court;
  - (9) The impact of the offense on the victim or victims;
  - (10) The impact of the offense on the community; and
- 37 (11) The threat to the safety of the public or any individual posed 38 by the child.

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  $\underline{\text{thus}}$  is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted March 14, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted May 13, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted November 14, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted November 25, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted December 16, 2019.

b. If a juvenile is adjudged delinquent, and except to the extent that an additional specific disposition is required pursuant to subsection e. or f. of this section, the court may order incarceration pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or any one or more of the following dispositions:

- (1) Adjourn formal entry of disposition of the case for a period not to exceed 12 months for the purpose of determining whether the juvenile makes a satisfactory adjustment, and if during the period of continuance the juvenile makes such an adjustment, dismiss the complaint; provided that if the court adjourns formal entry of disposition of delinquency for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes the court shall assess the mandatory penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-15 but may waive imposition of the penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16 for juveniles adjudicated delinquent;
- (2) Release the juvenile to the supervision of the juvenile's parent or guardian;
- (3) Place the juvenile on probation to the chief probation officer of the county or to any other suitable person who agrees to accept the duty of probation supervision for a period not to exceed three years upon such written conditions as the court deems will aid rehabilitation of the juvenile;
- (4) Transfer custody of the juvenile to any relative or other person determined by the court to be qualified to care for the juvenile;
- (5) Place the juvenile under the care and responsibility of the Department of Children and Families so that the commissioner may designate a division or organizational unit in the department pursuant to P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-1 et seq.) for the purpose of providing services in or out of the home. Within 14 days, unless for good cause shown, but not later than 30 days, the Department of Children and Families shall submit to the court a service plan, which shall be presumed valid, detailing the specifics of any disposition order. The plan shall be developed within the limits of fiscal and other resources available to the department. If the court determines that the service plan is inappropriate, given existing resources, the department may request a hearing on that determination;
- (6) Place the juvenile under the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families for the purpose of receiving the services of the Division of Children's System of Care of that department, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be eligible for those services under P.L.1965, c.59, s.16 (C.30:4-25.4);
- 45 (7) Commit the juvenile, pursuant to applicable laws and the 46 Rules of Court governing civil commitment, to the Department of 47 Children and Families under the responsibility of the Division of

Children's System of Care for the purpose of placement in a suitable public or private hospital or other residential facility for the treatment of persons who are mentally ill, on the ground that the juvenile is in need of involuntary commitment;

- (8) Fine the juvenile an amount not to exceed the maximum provided by law for such a crime or offense if committed by an adult and which is consistent with the juvenile's income or ability to pay and financial responsibility to the juvenile's family, provided that the fine is specially adapted to the rehabilitation of the juvenile or to the deterrence of the type of crime or offense. If the fine is not paid due to financial limitations, the fine may be satisfied by requiring the juvenile to submit to any other appropriate disposition provided for in this section;
- (9) Order the juvenile to make restitution to a person or entity who has suffered loss resulting from personal injuries or damage to property as a result of the offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution. If the juvenile participated in the offense with other persons, the participants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of restitution. The court shall not require a juvenile to make full or partial restitution if the juvenile reasonably satisfies the court that the juvenile does not have the means to make restitution and could not reasonably acquire the means to pay restitution;
- (10) Order that the juvenile perform community services under the supervision of a probation division or other agency or individual deemed appropriate by the court. Such services shall be compulsory and reasonable in terms of nature and duration. Such services may be performed without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from the performance of community services may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (11) Order that the juvenile participate in work programs which are designed to provide job skills and specific employment training to enhance the employability of job participants. Such programs may be without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from participation in a work program may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (12) Order that the juvenile participate in programs emphasizing self-reliance, such as intensive outdoor programs teaching survival skills, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and other appropriate activities;
- (13) Order that the juvenile participate in a program of academic or vocational education or counseling, such as a youth service bureau, requiring attendance at sessions designed to afford access to

opportunities for normal growth and development. This may require attendance after school, evenings, and weekends;

- (14) Place the juvenile in a suitable residential or nonresidential program for the treatment of alcohol or narcotic abuse, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be in need of such services;
- (15) Order the parent or guardian of the juvenile to participate in appropriate programs or services when the court has found either that such person's omission or conduct was a significant contributing factor towards the commission of the delinquent act, or, under its authority to enforce litigant's rights, that such person's omission or conduct has been a significant contributing factor towards the ineffective implementation of a court order previously entered in relation to the juvenile;
- (16) (a) Place the juvenile in a nonresidential program operated by a public or private agency, providing intensive services to juveniles for specified hours, which may include education, counseling to the juvenile and the juvenile's family if appropriate, vocational training, employment counseling, work, or other services;
- (b) Place the juvenile under the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1995, c.284 (C.52:17B-170) for placement with any private group home or private residential facility with which the commission has entered into a purchase of service contract;
- (17) Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or both of any juvenile who [used a motor vehicle in the course of committing an act for which the juvenile] was adjudicated delinquent for carjacking pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993, c.221 (C.2C:15-2). In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the [severity of the delinquent act] circumstances of the carjacking and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated. Any postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial commitment;
- (18) Order that the juvenile satisfy any other conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the juvenile;
- (19) Order a parent or guardian who has failed or neglected to exercise reasonable supervision or control of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent to make restitution to any person or entity who has suffered a loss as a result of that offense. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution; or

(20) Place the juvenile, if eligible, in an appropriate juvenile offender program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.81 (C.30:8-61 et al.).

- c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections e. and f. of this section, if the county in which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent has a juvenile detention facility meeting the physical and program standards established pursuant to this subsection by the Juvenile Justice Commission, the court may, in addition to any of the dispositions not involving placement out of the home enumerated in this section, incarcerate the juvenile in the youth detention facility in that county for a term not to exceed 60 consecutive days. Counties which do not operate their own juvenile detention facilities may contract for the use of approved commitment programs with counties with which they have established agreements for the use of pre-disposition juvenile detention facilities. The Juvenile Justice Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations from time to time as deemed necessary to establish minimum physical facility and program standards for the use of juvenile detention facilities pursuant to this subsection.
  - (2) No juvenile may be incarcerated in any county detention facility unless the county has entered into an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission concerning the use of the facility for sentenced juveniles. Upon agreement with the county, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall certify detention facilities which may receive juveniles sentenced pursuant to this subsection and shall specify the capacity of the facility that may be made available to receive such juveniles; provided, however, that in no event shall the number of juveniles incarcerated pursuant to this subsection exceed 50% of the maximum capacity of the facility.
  - (3) The court may fix a term of incarceration under this subsection where:
  - (a) The act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent, if committed by an adult, would have constituted a crime or repetitive disorderly persons offense;
  - (b) Incarceration of the juvenile is consistent with the goals of public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation and the court is clearly convinced that the aggravating factors substantially outweigh the mitigating factors as set forth in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44); and
  - (c) The detention facility has been certified for admission of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to paragraph (2).
  - (4) If as a result of incarceration of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to this subsection, a county is required to transport a predisposition juvenile to a juvenile detention facility in another county, the costs of such transportation shall be borne by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

1 d. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an 2 adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other 4 program provided for in this section other than subsection c., the duration of the juvenile's mandatory participation in such 6 alternative programs shall extend for a period consistent with the program goal for the juvenile and shall in no event exceed one year 8 beyond the maximum duration permissible for the delinquent if the 9 juvenile had been committed to a term of incarceration.

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- In addition to any disposition the court may impose pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), the following orders shall be included in dispositions of the adjudications set forth below:
- (1) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or an order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 60 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of theft of a motor vehicle, or the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:20-10, or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2;
- (2) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 60 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (6) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, the second degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, or theft of a motor vehicle, in a case in which the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act, which if committed by an adult, would constitute unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or theft of a motor vehicle;
- (3) An order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 30 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the fourth degree crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:20-10;
- (4) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 30 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of unlawful

taking of a motor vehicle in violation of N.J.S.2C:20-10 or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, and if the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute either theft of a motor vehicle, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or eluding.

- f. (1) The minimum terms of incarceration required pursuant to subsection e. of this section shall be imposed regardless of the weight or balance of factors set forth in this section or in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), but the weight and balance of those factors shall determine the length of the term of incarceration appropriate, if any, beyond any mandatory minimum term required pursuant to subsection e. of this section.
- (2) When a court in a county that does not have a juvenile detention facility or a contractual relationship permitting incarceration pursuant to subsection c. of this section is required to impose a term of incarceration pursuant to subsection e. of this section, the court may, subject to limitations on commitment to State correctional facilities of juveniles who are under the age of 11 or developmentally disabled, set a term of incarceration consistent with subsection c. which shall be served in a State correctional facility. When a juvenile who because of age or developmental disability cannot be committed to a State correctional facility or cannot be incarcerated in a county facility, the court shall order a disposition appropriate as an alternative to any incarceration required pursuant to subsection e.
- (3) For purposes of subsection e. of this section, in the event that a "boot camp" program for juvenile offenders should be developed and is available, a term of commitment to such a program shall be considered a term of incarceration.
- g. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section, the order shall include provisions which provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, accountability for offenses committed, fostering interaction and dialogue between the offender, victim and community and the development of competencies to enable the child to become a responsible and productive member of the community.

(cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.1) $\mathbf{1}^1$ 

- **2**[1]. Section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) is amended to 44 read as follows:
- 24. Disposition of delinquency cases. a. In determining the appropriate disposition for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent the court shall weigh the following factors:

(1) The nature and circumstances of the offense;

- (2) The degree of injury to persons or damage to property caused by the juvenile's offense;
- (3) The juvenile's age, previous record, prior social service received, and out-of-home placement history;
- (4) Whether the disposition supports family strength, responsibility and unity and the well-being and physical safety of the juvenile;
- (5) Whether the disposition provides for reasonable participation by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, provided, however, that the failure of a parent or parents to cooperate in the disposition shall not be weighed against the juvenile in arriving at an appropriate disposition;
- (6) Whether the disposition recognizes and treats the unique physical, psychological, and social characteristics and needs of the child;
- (7) Whether the disposition contributes to the developmental needs of the child, including the academic and social needs of the child where the child has intellectual disabilities or learning disabilities;
- (8) Any other circumstances related to the offense and the juvenile's social history as deemed appropriate by the court;
  - (9) The impact of the offense on the victim or victims;
  - (10) The impact of the offense on the community; and
- (11) The threat to the safety of the public or any individual posed by the child.
- b. If a juvenile is adjudged delinquent, and except to the extent that an additional specific disposition is required pursuant to subsection e. or f. of this section, the court may order incarceration pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or any one or more of the following dispositions:
- (1) Adjourn formal entry of disposition of the case for a period not to exceed 12 months for the purpose of determining whether the juvenile makes a satisfactory adjustment, and if during the period of continuance the juvenile makes such an adjustment, dismiss the complaint; provided that if the court adjourns formal entry of disposition of delinquency for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes the court shall assess the mandatory penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-15 but may waive imposition of the penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16 for juveniles adjudicated delinquent;
- (2) Release the juvenile to the supervision of the juvenile's parent or guardian;
- (3) Place the juvenile on probation to the chief probation officer of the county or to any other suitable person who agrees to accept the duty of probation supervision for a period not to exceed three years upon such written conditions as the court deems will aid rehabilitation of the juvenile;

(4) Transfer custody of the juvenile to any relative or other person determined by the court to be qualified to care for the juvenile;

- (5) Place the juvenile under the care and responsibility of the Department of Children and Families so that the commissioner may designate a division or organizational unit in the department pursuant to P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-1 et seq.) for the purpose of providing services in or out of the home. Within 14 days, unless for good cause shown, but not later than 30 days, the Department of Children and Families shall submit to the court a service plan, which shall be presumed valid, detailing the specifics of any disposition order. The plan shall be developed within the limits of fiscal and other resources available to the department. If the court determines that the service plan is inappropriate, given existing resources, the department may request a hearing on that determination;
- (6) Place the juvenile under the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families for the purpose of receiving the services of the Division of Children's System of Care of that department, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be eligible for those services under P.L.1965, c.59, s.16 (C.30:4-25.4);
- (7) Commit the juvenile, pursuant to applicable laws and the Rules of Court governing civil commitment, to the Department of Children and Families under the responsibility of the Division of Children's System of Care for the purpose of placement in a suitable public or private hospital or other residential facility for the treatment of persons who are mentally ill, on the ground that the juvenile is in need of involuntary commitment;
- (8) Fine the juvenile an amount not to exceed the maximum provided by law for such a crime or offense if committed by an adult and which is consistent with the juvenile's income or ability to pay and financial responsibility to the juvenile's family, provided that the fine is specially adapted to the rehabilitation of the juvenile or to the deterrence of the type of crime or offense. If the fine is not paid due to financial limitations, the fine may be satisfied by requiring the juvenile to submit to any other appropriate disposition provided for in this section:
- (9) Order the juvenile to make restitution to a person or entity who has suffered loss resulting from personal injuries or damage to property as a result of the offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution. If the juvenile participated in the offense with other persons, the participants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of restitution. The court shall not require a juvenile to make full or partial restitution if the juvenile reasonably satisfies the court that the juvenile does not have the means to make restitution and could not reasonably acquire the means to pay restitution;

(10) Order that the juvenile perform community services under the supervision of a probation division or other agency or individual deemed appropriate by the court. Such services shall be compulsory and reasonable in terms of nature and duration. Such services may be performed without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from the performance of community services may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;

- (11) Order that the juvenile participate in work programs which are designed to provide job skills and specific employment training to enhance the employability of job participants. Such programs may be without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from participation in a work program may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (12) Order that the juvenile participate in programs emphasizing self-reliance, such as intensive outdoor programs teaching survival skills, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and other appropriate activities;
- (13) Order that the juvenile participate in a program of academic or vocational education or counseling, such as a youth service bureau, requiring attendance at sessions designed to afford access to opportunities for normal growth and development. This may require attendance after school, evenings, and weekends;
- (14) Place the juvenile in a suitable residential or nonresidential program for the treatment of alcohol or narcotic abuse, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be in need of such services;
- (15) Order the parent or guardian of the juvenile to participate in appropriate programs or services when the court has found either that such person's omission or conduct was a significant contributing factor towards the commission of the delinquent act, or, under its authority to enforce litigant's rights, that such person's omission or conduct has been a significant contributing factor towards the ineffective implementation of a court order previously entered in relation to the juvenile;
- (16) (a) Place the juvenile in a nonresidential program operated by a public or private agency, providing intensive services to juveniles for specified hours, which may include education, counseling to the juvenile and the juvenile's family if appropriate, vocational training, employment counseling, work, or other services;
- (b) Place the juvenile under the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1995, c.284 (C.52:17B-170) for placement with any private group home or private residential facility with which the commission has entered into a purchase of service contract;
- (17) Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period

- not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or 1 2 both of any juvenile who used a motor vehicle in the course of 3 committing an act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent. 4 In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the 5 postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the 6 [severity of the delinquent act] <u>circumstances of the act for which the</u> 7 juvenile was adjudicated delinquent and the potential effect of the loss 8 of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated. Any 9 postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed 10 consecutively with any custodial commitment;
  - (18) Order that the juvenile satisfy any other conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the juvenile;

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- (19) Order a parent or guardian who has failed or neglected to exercise reasonable supervision or control of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent to make restitution to any person or entity who has suffered a loss as a result of that offense. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution; or
- (20) Place the juvenile, if eligible, in an appropriate juvenile offender program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.81 (C.30:8-61 et al.).
- c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections e. and f. of this section, if the county in which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent has a juvenile detention facility meeting the physical and program standards established pursuant to this subsection by the Juvenile Justice Commission, the court may, in addition to any of the dispositions not involving placement out of the home enumerated in this section, incarcerate the juvenile in the youth detention facility in that county for a term not to exceed 60 consecutive days. Counties which do not operate their own juvenile detention facilities may contract for the use of approved commitment programs with counties with which they have established agreements for the use of predisposition juvenile detention facilities. The Juvenile Justice Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations from time to time as deemed necessary to establish minimum physical facility and program standards for the use of juvenile detention facilities pursuant to this subsection.
- (2) No juvenile may be incarcerated in any county detention facility unless the county has entered into an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission concerning the use of the facility for sentenced juveniles. Upon agreement with the county, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall certify detention facilities which may receive juveniles sentenced pursuant to this subsection and shall specify the capacity of the facility that may be made available to receive such juveniles; provided, however, that in no event shall the number of juveniles incarcerated pursuant to this subsection exceed 50% of the maximum capacity of the facility.

(3) The court may fix a term of incarceration under this subsection where:

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- (a) The act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent, if committed by an adult, would have constituted a crime or repetitive disorderly persons offense;
- (b) Incarceration of the juvenile is consistent with the goals of public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation and the court is clearly convinced that the aggravating factors substantially outweigh the mitigating factors as set forth in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44); and
- (c) The detention facility has been certified for admission of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to paragraph (2).
- (4) If as a result of incarceration of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to this subsection, a county is required to transport a predisposition juvenile to a juvenile detention facility in another county, the costs of such transportation shall be borne by the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- d. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section other than subsection c., the duration of the juvenile's mandatory participation in such alternative programs shall extend for a period consistent with the program goal for the juvenile and shall in no event exceed one year beyond the maximum duration permissible for the delinquent if the juvenile had been committed to a term of incarceration.
- e. In addition to any disposition the court may impose pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), the following orders shall be included in dispositions of the adjudications set forth below:
- (1) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or an order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 60 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of theft of a motor vehicle, or the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:20-10, or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2;
- (2) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 60 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (6) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, the second degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, or theft of a motor vehicle, in a case in which the juvenile has previously been

adjudicated delinquent for an act, which if committed by an adult, would constitute unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or theft of a motor vehicle;

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- (3) An order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 30 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the fourth degree crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:20-10;
- (4) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 30 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of N.J.S.2C:20-10 or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, and if the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute either theft of a motor vehicle, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or eluding.
- f. (1) The minimum terms of incarceration required pursuant to subsection e. of this section shall be imposed regardless of the weight or balance of factors set forth in this section or in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), but the weight and balance of those factors shall determine the length of the term of incarceration appropriate, if any, beyond any mandatory minimum term required pursuant to subsection e. of this section.
- (2) When a court in a county that does not have a juvenile detention facility or a contractual relationship permitting incarceration pursuant to subsection c. of this section is required to impose a term of incarceration pursuant to subsection e. of this section, the court may, subject to limitations on commitment to State correctional facilities of juveniles who are under the age of 11 or developmentally disabled, set a term of incarceration consistent with subsection c. which shall be served in a State correctional facility. When a juvenile who because of age or developmental disability cannot be committed to a State correctional facility or cannot be incarcerated in a county facility, the court shall order a disposition appropriate as an alternative to any incarceration required pursuant to subsection e.
- (3) For purposes of subsection e. of this section, in the event that a "boot camp" program for juvenile offenders should be developed and is available, a term of commitment to such a program shall be considered a term of incarceration.
- g. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section, the order shall include provisions which provide

- 1 balanced attention to the protection of the community, accountability
- 2 for offenses committed, fostering interaction and dialogue between the
- 3 offender, victim and community and the development of competencies
- 4 to enable the child to become a responsible and productive member of
- 5 the community.<sup>1</sup>
- 6 (cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.1)]<sup>2</sup>

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- 8 <sup>3</sup>1. Section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) is amended to read as follows:
  - 24. Disposition of delinquency cases. a. In determining the appropriate disposition for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent the court shall weigh the following factors:
    - (1) The nature and circumstances of the offense;
  - (2) The degree of injury to persons or damage to property caused by the juvenile's offense;
    - (3) The juvenile's age, previous record, prior social service received, and out-of-home placement history;
    - (4) Whether the disposition supports family strength, responsibility and unity and the well-being and physical safety of the juvenile;
    - (5) Whether the disposition provides for reasonable participation by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, provided, however, that the failure of a parent or parents to cooperate in the disposition shall not be weighed against the juvenile in arriving at an appropriate disposition;
    - (6) Whether the disposition recognizes and treats the unique physical, psychological, and social characteristics and needs of the child;
    - (7) Whether the disposition contributes to the developmental needs of the child, including the academic and social needs of the child where the child has intellectual disabilities or learning disabilities;
    - (8) Any other circumstances related to the offense and the juvenile's social history as deemed appropriate by the court;
      - (9) The impact of the offense on the victim or victims;
      - (10) The impact of the offense on the community; and
  - (11) The threat to the safety of the public or any individual posed by the child.
  - b. If a juvenile is adjudged delinquent, and except to the extent that an additional specific disposition is required pursuant to subsection e. or f. of this section, the court may order incarceration pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or any one or more of the following dispositions:
  - (1) Adjourn formal entry of disposition of the case for a period not to exceed 12 months for the purpose of determining whether the juvenile makes a satisfactory adjustment, and if during the period of continuance the juvenile makes such an adjustment, dismiss the

- complaint; provided that if the court adjourns formal entry of disposition of delinquency for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes the court shall assess the mandatory penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-15 but may waive imposition of the penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16 for juveniles adjudicated delinquent;
  - (2) Release the juvenile to the supervision of the juvenile's parent or guardian;

- (3) Place the juvenile on probation to the chief probation officer of the county or to any other suitable person who agrees to accept the duty of probation supervision for a period not to exceed three years upon such written conditions as the court deems will aid rehabilitation of the juvenile;
- (4) Transfer custody of the juvenile to any relative or other person determined by the court to be qualified to care for the juvenile;
- (5) Place the juvenile under the care and responsibility of the Department of Children and Families so that the commissioner may designate a division or organizational unit in the department pursuant to P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-1 et seq.) for the purpose of providing services in or out of the home. Within 14 days, unless for good cause shown, but not later than 30 days, the Department of Children and Families shall submit to the court a service plan, which shall be presumed valid, detailing the specifics of any disposition order. The plan shall be developed within the limits of fiscal and other resources available to the department. If the court determines that the service plan is inappropriate, given existing resources, the department may request a hearing on that determination;
- (6) Place the juvenile under the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families for the purpose of receiving the services of the Division of Children's System of Care of that department, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be eligible for those services under P.L.1965, c.59, s.16 (C.30:4-25.4);
- (7) Commit the juvenile, pursuant to applicable laws and the Rules of Court governing civil commitment, to the Department of Children and Families under the responsibility of the Division of Children's System of Care for the purpose of placement in a suitable public or private hospital or other residential facility for the treatment of persons who are mentally ill, on the ground that the juvenile is in need of involuntary commitment;
- (8) Fine the juvenile an amount not to exceed the maximum provided by law for such a crime or offense if committed by an adult and which is consistent with the juvenile's income or ability to pay and financial responsibility to the juvenile's family, provided that the fine is specially adapted to the rehabilitation of the juvenile

or to the deterrence of the type of crime or offense. If the fine is not paid due to financial limitations, the fine may be satisfied by requiring the juvenile to submit to any other appropriate disposition provided for in this section;

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- (9) Order the juvenile to make restitution to a person or entity who has suffered loss resulting from personal injuries or damage to property as a result of the offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution. If the juvenile participated in the offense with other persons, the participants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of restitution. The court shall not require a juvenile to make full or partial restitution if the juvenile reasonably satisfies the court that the juvenile does not have the means to make restitution and could not reasonably acquire the means to pay restitution;
- (10) Order that the juvenile perform community services under the supervision of a probation division or other agency or individual deemed appropriate by the court. Such services shall be compulsory and reasonable in terms of nature and duration. Such services may be performed without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from the performance of community services may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (11) Order that the juvenile participate in work programs which are designed to provide job skills and specific employment training to enhance the employability of job participants. Such programs may be without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from participation in a work program may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (12) Order that the juvenile participate in programs emphasizing self-reliance, such as intensive outdoor programs teaching survival skills, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and other appropriate activities;
- (13) Order that the juvenile participate in a program of academic or vocational education or counseling, such as a youth service bureau, requiring attendance at sessions designed to afford access to opportunities for normal growth and development. This may require attendance after school, evenings, and weekends;
- (14) Place the juvenile in a suitable residential or nonresidential program for the treatment of alcohol or narcotic abuse, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be in need of such services;
- (15) Order the parent or guardian of the juvenile to participate in appropriate programs or services when the court has found either that such person's omission or conduct was a significant contributing factor towards the commission of the delinquent act, or, under its authority to enforce litigant's rights, that such person's

omission or conduct has been a significant contributing factor towards the ineffective implementation of a court order previously entered in relation to the juvenile;

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- (16) (a) Place the juvenile in a nonresidential program operated by a public or private agency, providing intensive services to juveniles for specified hours, which may include education, counseling to the juvenile and the juvenile's family if appropriate, vocational training, employment counseling, work, or other services;
- (b) Place the juvenile under the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1995, c.284 (C.52:17B-170) for placement with any private group home or private residential facility with which the commission has entered into a purchase of service contract;
- (17) Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or both of any juvenile who used a motor vehicle in the course of committing an act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent. In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the [severity of the delinquent act] circumstances of the act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated. Any postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial commitment:
- (18) Order that the juvenile satisfy any other conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the juvenile;
- (19) Order a parent or guardian who has failed or neglected to exercise reasonable supervision or control of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent to make restitution to any person or entity who has suffered a loss as a result of that offense. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution; or
- (20) Place the juvenile, if eligible, in an appropriate juvenile offender program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.81 (C.30:8-61 et al.).
- c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections e. and f. of this section, if the county in which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent has a juvenile detention facility meeting the physical and program standards established pursuant to this subsection by the Juvenile Justice Commission, the court may, in addition to any of the dispositions not involving placement out of the home enumerated in this section, incarcerate the juvenile in the youth detention facility in that county for a term not to exceed 60 consecutive days. Counties which do not operate their own juvenile

detention facilities may contract for the use of approved commitment programs with counties with which they have established agreements for the use of pre-disposition juvenile The Juvenile Justice Commission shall detention facilities. promulgate such rules and regulations from time to time as deemed necessary to establish minimum physical facility and program standards for the use of juvenile detention facilities pursuant to this subsection.

- (2) No juvenile may be incarcerated in any county detention facility unless the county has entered into an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission concerning the use of the facility for sentenced juveniles. Upon agreement with the county, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall certify detention facilities which may receive juveniles sentenced pursuant to this subsection and shall specify the capacity of the facility that may be made available to receive such juveniles; provided, however, that in no event shall the number of juveniles incarcerated pursuant to this subsection exceed 50% of the maximum capacity of the facility.
  - (3) The court may fix a term of incarceration under this subsection where:
  - (a) The act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent, if committed by an adult, would have constituted a crime or repetitive disorderly persons offense;
  - (b) Incarceration of the juvenile is consistent with the goals of public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation and the court is clearly convinced that the aggravating factors substantially outweigh the mitigating factors as set forth in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44); and
  - (c) The detention facility has been certified for admission of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to paragraph (2).
  - (4) If as a result of incarceration of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to this subsection, a county is required to transport a predisposition juvenile to a juvenile detention facility in another county, the costs of such transportation shall be borne by the Juvenile Justice Commission.
  - d. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section other than subsection c., the duration of the juvenile's mandatory participation in such alternative programs shall extend for a period consistent with the program goal for the juvenile and shall in no event exceed one year beyond the maximum duration permissible for the delinquent if the juvenile had been committed to a term of incarceration.
- e. In addition to any disposition the court may impose pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), the

following orders shall be included in dispositions of the adjudications set forth below:

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- (1) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or an order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 60 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of theft of a motor vehicle, or the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:20-10, or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2;
- (2) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 60 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (6) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, the second degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, or theft of a motor vehicle, in a case in which the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act, which if committed by an adult, would constitute unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or theft of a motor vehicle;
  - (3) An order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 30 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the fourth degree crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:20-10;
- (4) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 30 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of N.J.S.2C:20-10 or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, and if the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute either theft of a motor vehicle, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or eluding.
- f. (1) The minimum terms of incarceration required pursuant to subsection e. of this section shall be imposed regardless of the weight or balance of factors set forth in this section or in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), but the weight and balance of those factors shall determine the length of the term of incarceration

appropriate, if any, beyond any mandatory minimum term required pursuant to subsection e. of this section.

- (2) When a court in a county that does not have a juvenile detention facility or a contractual relationship permitting incarceration pursuant to subsection c. of this section is required to impose a term of incarceration pursuant to subsection e. of this section, the court may, subject to limitations on commitment to State correctional facilities of juveniles who are under the age of 11 or developmentally disabled, set a term of incarceration consistent with subsection c. which shall be served in a State correctional facility. When a juvenile who because of age or developmental disability cannot be committed to a State correctional facility or cannot be incarcerated in a county facility, the court shall order a disposition appropriate as an alternative to any incarceration required pursuant to subsection e.
- (3) For purposes of subsection e. of this section, in the event that a "boot camp" program for juvenile offenders should be developed and is available, a term of commitment to such a program shall be considered a term of incarceration.
- g. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section, the order shall include provisions which provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, accountability for offenses committed, fostering interaction and dialogue between the offender, victim and community and the development of competencies to enable the child to become a responsible and productive member of the community.<sup>3</sup>

(cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.1)

## <sup>2</sup>[2.] <sup>3</sup>[1.<sup>2</sup>] 2.<sup>3</sup> Section 3 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.41) is amended to read as follows:

3. a. If the child support arrearage equals or exceeds the amount of child support payable for six months or court-ordered health care coverage for the child is not provided for six months, or the obligor fails to respond to a subpoena relating to a paternity or child support action, or a child support-related warrant exists, and the obligor is found to possess a license in the State and all appropriate enforcement methods to collect the child support arrearage have been exhausted, the Probation Division shall send a written notice to the obligor, by certified and regular mail, return receipt requested, at the obligor's last-known address or place of business or employment, advising the obligor that the obligor's license may be revoked or suspended unless, within 30 days of the postmark date of the notice, the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage, or provides proof that health care coverage

for the child has been obtained, or responds to a subpoena, or makes a written request for a court hearing to the Probation Division. The obligor's driver's license shall be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. If a child support- related warrant for the obligor exists, the professional, occupational, recreational or sporting license revocation or suspension shall be terminated if the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage, provides proof that health care coverage for the child has been obtained as required by the court order, or

surrenders to the county sheriff or the Probation Division.

b. If the obligor fails to take one of the actions in subsection a. of this section within 30 days of the postmark date of the notice and there is proof that service on the obligor was effective, the Probation Division shall file a certification with the court setting forth the obligor's non-compliance with the support order and the obligor's failure to respond to the written notice of the potential license suspension or revocation. If, based on the papers filed by the Probation Division, the court is satisfied that service on the obligor was effective as set forth in this section, it shall without need for further due process or hearing, enter a court order suspending or revoking all licenses held by the obligor. Upon the entry of the order, the Probation Division shall forward a copy to the obligor and all appropriate licensing authorities.

For the purposes of this section, the court may deem procedural due process requirements for notice and service of process to be met with respect to a party thereto upon delivery of written notice to the most recent residential or employer address filed with the Probation Division for that party. If a party fails to respond to a notice and no proof is available that the party received the notice, the Probation Division shall document to the court that it has made a diligent effort to locate the party by making inquiries that may include, but are not limited to: the United States Postal Service, the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation, the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury and the Departments of Labor and Corrections. The Probation Division shall provide an affidavit to the court presenting such documentation of its diligent effort, which certifies its inability to locate the party, before any adverse action is taken based upon the party's failure to respond to the notice.

c. If the obligor requests a hearing, the Probation Division shall file a petition for a judicial hearing in accordance with section 5 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.43). The hearing shall occur within 45 days of the obligor's request. If, at or prior to the hearing, the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage or provides health care coverage as ordered, or responds to the subpoena or surrenders to the county sheriff or the Probation Division, the license revocation process shall be terminated. No

- 1 license revocation action shall be initiated if the Probation Division
- 2 has received notice that the obligor has pending a motion to modify
- 3 the child support order if that motion was filed prior to the date that
- 4 the notice of the license suspension or revocation was sent by the
- 5 Probation Division. The court shall consider the Probation
- 6 Division's petition to revoke or suspend a license in accordance
- 7 with section 5 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.43).
- 8 (cf: P.L.1998, c.1, s.28)

- ${}^{2}$ [3.]  ${}^{3}$ [2. ${}^{2}$ ] 3. ${}^{3}$  Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.83 (C.2C:20-2.1) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. In addition to any other disposition authorized by law, a person convicted under the provisions of this chapter of theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle shall be subject:
- (1) For the first offense, to a penalty of **[**\$500.00 and to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of one year. **]** \$500, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed one year;
- (2) For a second offense, to a penalty of **[**\$750.00 and to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of two years. **]** \$750, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed two years; and
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense, to a penalty of **[**\$1,000.00, and to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for 10 years **]** \$1,000, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed 10 years.
- In deciding the duration of <sup>1</sup>[the] any <sup>1</sup> suspension, revocation, or postponement of the person's driving privileges pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection, the court shall consider the circumstances of the theft or unlawful taking of the motor vehicle and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not <sup>1</sup> readily <sup>1</sup> available.
- b. The suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed. In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this section, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court [of] not to exceed one year for a first offense, two years for a

second offense, or 10 years for a third offense calculated from the day after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this Title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this Title, the revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] pursuant to this section shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing revocation, suspension, or postponement.

Upon conviction the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's licenses of the person and forward [such] the license or licenses to the [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of Motor Vehicles New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall [cause] forward a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the [director] chief administrator. That report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this section the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license but shall notify the director who shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privileges in this State.

c. All penalties provided for in this section shall be collected as provided for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), and shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.2C:64-6 as if the collected monies were the proceeds of property forfeited pursuant to the provisions of chapter 64. However, the distributed monies are to be used for law enforcement activities related to auto theft.

(cf: P.L.1993, c.219, s.4)

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1. a. A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale, or otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer or expose for sale, or otherwise transfer, a document, printed form or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

- b. A person who knowingly makes, or possesses devices or materials to make, a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the second degree.
- c. A person who knowingly exhibits, displays or utters a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the third degree. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the personal identifying information of another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the personal identifying information of another to misrepresent his age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other consumer product denied to persons under 18 years of age shall not constitute an offense under this subsection if the actor received only that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud on another.
- d. A person who knowingly possesses a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the personal identifying information of another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the personal identifying information of another to misrepresent his age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other consumer product denied to persons under 18 years of age shall not constitute an offense under this subsection if the actor received only that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud on another.
- e. In addition to any other disposition authorized by this Title, the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43), or any other

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statute indicating the dispositions that may be ordered for an adjudication of delinquency, and, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, [every] the court, in its discretion, may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period of not <sup>1</sup>[less than six months or 1 more than two years the driver's license of any person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this section [shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period to be fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two years which]. In deciding the duration of 'the any' suspension, revocation, or postponement of the person's driving privileges for a violation of this section, the court shall consider the circumstances of the violation, and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not <sup>1</sup>readily <sup>1</sup> available. The suspension, revocation, or postponement shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed. In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of the sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this subsection, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not [less than six months or] more than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this Title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this Title, the revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] pursuant to this subsection shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing revocation, suspension, or postponement.

The court [before whom] postponing, suspending, or revoking the driver's license of any person [is] convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this section shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of that person and forward the license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall [cause] forward a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the **[**director**]** chief administrator. The report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle

during the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license, but shall notify forthwith the [director] chief administrator who shall notify the appropriate officials in that licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privileges in this State.

In addition to any other condition imposed, a court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the driving privileges of a person admitted to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1 or N.J.S.2C:43-12 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt.

(cf: P.L.2005, c.224, s.1)

- <sup>2</sup>[5. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and shall be fined not less than \$500.
- b. **[**Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense, suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person and submit to the commission the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement. 1 Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

- c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program, authorized by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services, for a period not to exceed the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been convicted.
- d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic beverages by **[**any such**]** an underage person while actually engaged in the performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county vocational school or post secondary educational institution.
- e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a) shall apply to a parent, guardian, or other person with legal custody of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in violation of this section.
- f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be immune from prosecution under this section if:
- (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption;
- (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1 operator;

- 1 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1 report; and
- (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene.

The underage person who received medical assistance also shall be immune from prosecution under this section.

g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1.

(cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3)**]**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>[6. N.J.S.2C:34-1 is amended to read as follows:

2C:34-1. a. As used in this section:

- (1) "Prostitution" is sexual activity with another person in exchange for something of economic value, or the offer or acceptance of an offer to engage in sexual activity in exchange for something of economic value.
- (2) "Sexual activity" includes, but is not limited to, sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, and oral-anal contact, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; masturbation; touching of the genitals, buttocks, or female breasts; sadistic or masochistic abuse and other deviate sexual relations.
- (3) "House of prostitution" is any place where prostitution or promotion of prostitution is regularly carried on by one person under the control, management or supervision of another.
  - (4) "Promoting prostitution" is:
- (a) Owning, controlling, managing, supervising or otherwise keeping, alone or in association with another, a house of prostitution or a prostitution business;
- (b) Procuring an inmate for a house of prostitution or place in a house of prostitution for one who would be an inmate;
- (c) Encouraging, inducing, or otherwise purposely causing another to become or remain a prostitute;
  - (d) Soliciting a person to patronize a prostitute;
  - (e) Procuring a prostitute for a patron;
- (f) Transporting a person into or within this State with purpose to promote that person's engaging in prostitution, or procuring or paying for transportation with that purpose; or
- 43 (g) Knowingly leasing or otherwise permitting a place controlled 44 by the actor, alone or in association with others, to be regularly used 45 for prostitution or promotion of prostitution, or failure to make a 46 reasonable effort to abate such use by ejecting the tenant, notifying law 47 enforcement authorities, or other legally available means.

b. A person commits an offense if:

- (1) The actor engages in prostitution as a patron;
- (2) The actor promotes prostitution;
- (3) The actor knowingly promotes prostitution of a child under 18 whether or not the actor mistakenly believed that the child was 18 years of age or older, even if such mistaken belief was reasonable;
- (4) The actor knowingly promotes prostitution of the actor's child, ward, or any other person for whose care the actor is responsible;
- (5) The actor compels another to engage in or promote prostitution;
  - (6) The actor promotes prostitution of the actor's spouse;
- (7) The actor knowingly engages in prostitution with a person under the age of 18, or if the actor enters into or remains in a house of prostitution for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity with a child under the age of 18, or if the actor solicits or requests a child under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity. It shall be no defense to a prosecution under this paragraph that the actor mistakenly believed that the child was 18 years of age or older, even if such mistaken belief was reasonable; or
- (8) The actor engages in prostitution by personally offering sexual activity in exchange for something of economic value.
  - c. Grading of offenses under subsection b.
- (1) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the first degree if the offense falls within paragraph (3) or (4) of that subsection.
- (2) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the second degree if the offense falls within paragraph (7) of that subsection.
- (3) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the third degree if the offense falls within paragraph (5) or (6) of that subsection.
- (4) An offense under paragraph (2) of subsection b. constitutes a crime of the third degree if the conduct falls within subparagraph (a), (b), (c), (f), or (g) of paragraph (4) of subsection a. Otherwise the offense is a crime of the fourth degree.
- (5) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a disorderly persons offense if the offense falls within paragraph (1) of that subsection except that a second or third conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the fourth degree, and a fourth or subsequent conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the third degree. In addition, where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of any offense under paragraph (1) of subsection b. the court shall suspend for six months the driving privilege of any such offender who has a valid driver's license issued by this State. Upon conviction, the court shall immediately collect the offender's driver's license and shall forward it, along with a report stating the first and last day of the suspension imposed pursuant to this paragraph, to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle

- Commission.] <sup>1</sup>In addition, if a motor vehicle was used in the commission of any offense under paragraph (1) of subsection b. the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone for up to six months the driving privilege of any offender who has a valid driver's license issued by this State. In deciding the duration of any suspension, revocation, or postponement of the person's driving privileges, the court shall consider the circumstances of the offense and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available.1
  - (6) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a disorderly persons offense if the offense falls within paragraph (8) of that subsection, except that a second or subsequent conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the fourth degree.
  - d. Presumption from living off prostitutes. A person, other than the prostitute or the prostitute's minor child or other legal dependent incapable of self-support, who is supported in whole or substantial part by the proceeds of prostitution is presumed to be knowingly promoting prostitution.
  - e. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of human trafficking pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.77 (C.2C:13-8) or compelled by another to engage in sexual activity, regardless of the defendant's age.
  - f. (1) Any fine set forth in N.J.S.2C:43-3 that is imposed upon a person by a municipal court for a conviction of a disorderly persons offense under this section shall be collected, notwithstanding the procedures for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), by the municipal court administrator and paid into the municipal treasury of the municipality in which the offense was committed.
  - (2) In addition to any fine, fee, assessment, or penalty authorized under the provisions of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, a person convicted of an offense of prostitution or related offense under paragraph (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection b. shall be assessed a penalty of at least \$10,000 but not more than \$50,000, except if the offense involved promotion of the prostitution of a child under the age of 18, the penalty shall be at least \$25,000. All penalties provided for in this subsection, collected as provided for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), shall be forwarded to the Department of the Treasury to be deposited in the "Human Trafficking Survivor's Assistance Fund" established by section 2 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-238).

44 (cf: P.L.2013, c.51, s.9)**]**<sup>2</sup>
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**2**[7.] **3**[4.**2**] **4**[5.**3**] N.J.S.2C:35-16 is amended to read as 47 follows:

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2C:35-16. a. In addition to any disposition authorized by this title, the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43), or any other statute indicating the dispositions that can be ordered for an adjudication of delinquency, and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, a person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter <sup>2</sup>, except a person who violates the provisions of N.J.S.2C:35-10,<sup>2</sup> or chapter 36 of this title shall forthwith forfeit [his] the right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period [to be fixed by the court at not less than] of six months [or more than two years] which shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed unless the court finds compelling circumstances warranting an exception. For the purposes of this section, compelling circumstances warranting an exception exist if the forfeiture of the person's right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available. In the case of a person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of any suspension of driving privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this section, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than six months or more than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter 2, except a person who violates the provisions of N.J.S.2C:35-10,2 or chapter 36 of this title, any revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] pursuant to this section shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing revocation, suspension, or postponement.

b. If forfeiture or postponement of driving privileges is ordered by the court pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of the person and forward such license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall cause a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the Chief Administrator. That report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall

inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is 1 2 convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period 3 of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this 4 section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the 5 penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to 6 acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to 7 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the 8 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent 9 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a 10 driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect 11 the license but shall notify forthwith the Chief Administrator who 12 shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. 13 The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this 14 section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privilege in this 15 State.

- c. [In addition to any other condition imposed, a court may in its discretion suspend, revoke or postpone in accordance with the provisions of this section the driving privileges of a person admitted to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1 or N.J.S.2C:43-12 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
- d. [After sentencing and upon notice to the prosecutor, a person subject to suspension or postponement of driving privileges under this section may seek revocation of the remaining portion of any suspension or postponement based on compelling circumstances warranting an exception that were not raised at the time of sentencing. The court may revoke the suspension or postponement if it finds compelling circumstances.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

32 (cf: P.L.2008, c.84, s.2)]<sup>4</sup>

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  - 2C:36A-1. Conditional discharge for certain first offenses.
- 37 a. Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted 38 of any offense under section 20 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-20), or 39 a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense defined in 40 chapter 35 or 36 of this title or, subsequent to the effective date of 41 this title, under any law of the United States, this State or any other 42 state relating to marijuana, or stimulant, depressant, or 43 hallucinogenic drugs, and who has not previously participated in a 44 program of supervisory treatment pursuant to N.J.S.2C:43-12 or 45 conditional dismissal pursuant to P.L.2013, c.158 (C.2C:43-13.1 et 46 al.), or a Veterans Diversion Program pursuant to P.L.2017, c.42 47 (C.2C:43-23 et al.), is charged with or convicted of any disorderly

persons offense or petty disorderly persons offense under chapter 35 or 36 of this title, the court upon notice to the prosecutor and subject to subsection c. of this section, may on motion of the defendant or the court:

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- (1) Suspend further proceedings and with the consent of the person after reference to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record information files, place him under supervisory treatment upon such reasonable terms and conditions as it may require; or
- (2) After a plea of guilty or finding of guilty, and without entering a judgment of conviction, and with the consent of the person after proper reference to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record information files, place him on supervisory treatment upon reasonable terms and conditions as it may require, or as otherwise provided by law.
- b. In no event shall the court require as a term or condition of supervisory treatment under this section, referral to any residential treatment facility for a period exceeding the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been charged or convicted, nor shall any term of supervisory treatment imposed under this subsection exceed a period of three years. If a person is placed under supervisory treatment under this section after a plea of guilty or finding of guilt, the court as a term and condition of supervisory treatment shall suspend the person's driving privileges for a period to be fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two years unless the court finds compelling circumstances warranting an exception. For the purposes of this subsection, compelling circumstances warranting an exception exist if the suspension of the person's driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available. In the case of a person who at the time of placement under supervisory treatment under this section is less than 17 years of age, the period of suspension of driving privileges authorized herein, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the person is placed on supervisory treatment and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than six months or more than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If the driving privilege of a person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of the person's placement on supervisory treatment under this section, the revocation, suspension or postponement period imposed herein shall commence as of the date of the termination of the existing revocation, suspension or postponement. The court which places a person on supervisory treatment under this section shall collect and forward the person's driver's license to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and

file an appropriate report with the commission in accordance with the procedure set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16. The court shall also inform the person of the penalties for operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement as required in N.J.S.2C:35-16.

6 Upon violation of a term or condition of supervisory treatment 7 the court may enter a judgment of conviction and proceed as 8 otherwise provided, or where there has been no plea of guilty or 9 finding of guilty, resume proceedings. Upon fulfillment of the terms 10 and conditions of supervisory treatment the court shall terminate the 11 supervisory treatment and dismiss the proceedings against him. 12 Termination of supervisory treatment and dismissal under this 13 section shall be without court adjudication of guilt and shall not be 14 deemed a conviction for purposes of disqualifications or 15 disabilities, if any, imposed by law upon conviction of a crime or disorderly persons offense but shall be reported by the clerk of the 16 17 court to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record 18 information files. Termination of supervisory treatment and 19 dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to 20 any person. Imposition of supervisory treatment under this section 21 shall not be deemed a conviction for the purposes of determining 22 whether a second or subsequent offense has occurred under section 23 29 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-29), chapter 35 or 36 of this title or 24 any law of this State.

- c. Proceedings under this section shall not be available to any defendant unless the court in its discretion concludes that:
- (1) The defendant's continued presence in the community, or in a civil treatment center or program, will not pose a danger to the community; or
- (2) That the terms and conditions of supervisory treatment will be adequate to protect the public and will benefit the defendant by serving to correct any dependence on or use of controlled substances which he may manifest; and
- (3) The person has not previously received supervisory treatment under section 27 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-27), N.J.S.2C:43-12, or the provisions of this chapter.
- d. A person seeking conditional discharge pursuant to this section shall pay to the court a fee of \$75 which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for deposit in the General Fund. The defendant shall also be required to pay restitution, costs and other assessments as provided by law. A person may apply for a waiver of this fee, by reason of poverty, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, or the court may permit the defendant to pay the conditional discharge fee and other assessments in installments or may order other alternatives pursuant
- 46 to section 1 of P.L.2009, c.317 (C.2B:12-23.1).
- 47 (cf: P.L.2017, c.42. s.9)

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- a. Except as otherwise provided by this code, all persons convicted of an offense or offenses shall be sentenced in accordance with this chapter.
  - b. Except as provided in subsection a. of this section and subject to the applicable provisions of the code, the court may suspend the imposition of sentence on a person who has been convicted of an offense, or may sentence him as follows:
  - (1) To pay a fine or make restitution authorized by N.J.S.2C:43-3 or P.L.1997, c.253 (C.2C:43-3.4 et al.); or
  - (2) Except as provided in subsection g. of this section, to be placed on probation and, in the case of a person convicted of a crime, to imprisonment for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 364 days to be served as a condition of probation, or in the case of a person convicted of a disorderly persons offense, to imprisonment for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 90 days to be served as a condition of probation; or
  - (3) To imprisonment for a term authorized by sections 2C:11-3, 2C:43-5, 2C:43-6, 2C:43-7, and 2C:43-8 or 2C:44-5; or
  - (4) To pay a fine, make restitution and probation, or fine, restitution and imprisonment; or
  - (5) To release under supervision in the community or to require the performance of community-related service; or
  - (6) To a halfway house or other residential facility in the community, including agencies which are not operated by the Department of Human Services; or
  - (7) To imprisonment at night or on weekends with liberty to work or to participate in training or educational programs.
  - [Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or both of any person convicted of a crime, disorderly persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense in the course of which a motor vehicle was used. In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the severity of the crime or offense and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the person's ability to be rehabilitated. Any postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial sentence. (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
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  - d. This chapter does not deprive the court of any authority conferred by law to decree a forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office, or impose any other civil penalty. Such a judgment or order may be included in the sentence.

- e. The court shall state on the record the reasons for imposing the sentence, including its findings pursuant to the criteria for withholding or imposing imprisonment or fines under sections 2C:44-1 to 2C:44-3, where imprisonment is imposed, consideration of the defendant's eligibility for release under the law governing parole and the factual basis supporting its findings of particular aggravating or mitigating f0actors affecting sentence.
  - f. The court shall explain the parole laws as they apply to the sentence and shall state:
  - (1) the approximate period of time in years and months the defendant will serve in custody before parole eligibility;
  - (2) the jail credits or the amount of time the defendant has already served;
  - (3) that the defendant may be entitled to good time and work credits; and
  - (4) that the defendant may be eligible for participation in the Intensive Supervision Program.
  - g. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section, a court imposing sentence on a defendant who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1994, c.130 (C.2C:43-6.4) may not sentence the defendant to be placed on probation.

(cf: P.L.2003, c.267, s.5)]<sup>1</sup>

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- 2C:43-2. a. Except as otherwise provided by this code, all persons convicted of an offense or offenses shall be sentenced in accordance with this chapter.
- b. Except as provided in subsection a. of this section and subject to the applicable provisions of the code, the court may suspend the imposition of sentence on a person who has been convicted of an offense, or may sentence him as follows:
- (1) To pay a fine or make restitution authorized by N.J.S.2C:43-3 or P.L.1997, c.253 (C.2C:43-3.4 et al.); or
- (2) Except as provided in subsection g. of this section, to be placed on probation and, in the case of a person convicted of a crime, to imprisonment for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 364 days to be served as a condition of probation, or in the case of a person convicted of a disorderly persons offense, to imprisonment for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 90 days to be served as a condition of probation; or
- (3) To imprisonment for a term authorized by sections 2C:11-3, 2C:43-5, 2C:43-6, 2C:43-7, and 2C:43-8 or 2C:44-5; or
- 45 (4) To pay a fine, make restitution and probation, or fine, 46 restitution and imprisonment; or

(5) To release under supervision in the community or to require the performance of community-related service; or

- (6) To a halfway house or other residential facility in the community, including agencies which are not operated by the Department of Human Services; or
- (7) To imprisonment at night or on weekends with liberty to work or to participate in training or educational programs.
- c. Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or both of any person convicted of a crime, disorderly persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense in the course of which a motor vehicle was used. In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the [severity of the crime or offense and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the person's ability to be rehabilitated circumstances of the violation, and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available. Any postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial sentence.
  - d. This chapter does not deprive the court of any authority conferred by law to decree a forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office, or impose any other civil penalty. Such a judgment or order may be included in the sentence.
  - e. The court shall state on the record the reasons for imposing the sentence, including its findings pursuant to the criteria for withholding or imposing imprisonment or fines under sections 2C:44-1 to 2C:44-3, where imprisonment is imposed, consideration of the defendant's eligibility for release under the law governing parole and the factual basis supporting its findings of particular aggravating or mitigating f0actors affecting sentence.
  - f. The court shall explain the parole laws as they apply to the sentence and shall state:
  - (1) the approximate period of time in years and months the defendant will serve in custody before parole eligibility;
  - (2) the jail credits or the amount of time the defendant has already served;
  - (3) that the defendant may be entitled to good time and work credits; and
- (4) that the defendant may be eligible for participation in the Intensive Supervision Program.
- g. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section, a court imposing sentence on a defendant who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1994, c.130 (C.2C:43-6.4) may not sentence the defendant to be

placed on probation.<sup>1</sup> (cf: P.L.2003, c.267, s.5)

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6 2C:46-2. a. When a defendant sentenced to pay an assessment 7 imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), a 8 penalty imposed pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-9 3.6), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 10 (C.2C:14-10), monthly probation fee, fine, a penalty imposed 11 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), other court-12 imposed financial obligations or to make restitution or pay child 13 support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court defaults 14 in the payment thereof or of any installment, upon the motion of the 15 person authorized by law to collect the payment, the motion of the 16 prosecutor, the motion of the victim entitled to payment of 17 restitution, the motion of the Victims of Crime Compensation 18 Office, the motion of the State or county Office of Victim and 19 Witness Advocacy or upon its own motion, the court shall recall 20 <sup>3</sup>[him] the defendant<sup>3</sup>, or issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for <sup>3</sup>[him] the defendant's <sup>3</sup> appearance. The court shall afford the 21 person notice and an opportunity to be heard on the issue of default. 22 23 Failure to make any payment when due shall be considered a 24 default. The standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the 25 evidence, and the burden of establishing good cause for a default 26 shall be on the person who has defaulted.

- (1) If the court finds that the person has defaulted without good cause, the court shall:
- (a) Order the suspension of the driver's license or the nonresident reciprocity driving privilege of the person; and
- (b) Prohibit the person from obtaining a driver's license or exercising reciprocity driving privileges until the person has made all past due payments; and
- (c) Notify the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission of the action taken; and
- (d) Take such other actions as may be authorized by law.

  \*IDeleted by amendment, P.L., c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

  If the court finds that the person has defaulted without good cause, the court may:
- (a) order the suspension of the driver's license or the nonresident reciprocity driving privilege of the person; or
- 42 (b) prohibit the person from obtaining a driver's license or 43 exercising reciprocity driving privileges until the person has made 44 all past due payments; or
  - (c) take any other actions authorized by law.

The court shall notify the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey

Motor Vehicle Commission of the action taken pursuant to this

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- (2) If the court finds that the person defaulted on payment of a court-imposed financial obligation, restitution, or child support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court without good cause and finds that the default was willful, the court may [, in addition to the action required by paragraph (1) of this subsection a., 1 3, in addition to the action authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section, <sup>3</sup> impose a term of imprisonment or participation in a labor assistance program or enforced community service to achieve the objective of the court-imposed financial obligation, restitution, or child support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court. [These options] <sup>3</sup>[This option] These options <sup>3</sup> shall not reduce the amount owed by the person in default. The term of imprisonment or enforced community service or participation in a labor assistance program [in such case] shall be specified in the order of commitment. It need not be equated with any particular dollar amount but, in the case of a fine it shall not exceed one day for each \$50 of the fine nor shall it exceed a period of 90 consecutive days. In no case shall the total period of imprisonment in the case of a disorderly persons offense for both the sentence of imprisonment and for failure to pay a fine exceed six months.
  - (3) Except where incarceration is ordered pursuant to paragraph (2) of **[**this**]** subsection a. <u>of this section</u>, if the court finds that the person has defaulted the court may take one or more of the following actions:
  - (a) the court shall take appropriate action to modify or establish a reasonable schedule for payment;
  - (b) in the case of a fine, if the court finds that the circumstances that warranted the fine have changed or that it would be unjust to require payment, the court may revoke or suspend the fine or the unpaid portion of the fine; or
  - (c) if the defendant has served jail time for default on a courtimposed financial obligation, the court may order that credit for each day of confinement be given against the amount owed. The amount of the credit shall be determined at the discretion of the court but shall be not less than \$50 for each day of confinement served.
- (4) When failure to pay an assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), monthly probation fee, restitution, a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-3.6), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 (C.2C:14-10), or other financial penalties or to perform enforced community service or to participate in a labor

assistance program is determined to be willful, the failure to do so shall be considered to be contumacious.

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- (5) When a fine, assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), other financial penalty or restitution is imposed on a corporation, it is the duty of the person or persons authorized to make disbursements from the assets of the corporation or association to pay it from such assets and their failure so to do may be held to be contumacious.
- b. Upon any default in the payment of a fine, assessment 10 imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), monthly probation fee, a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of 12 P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-3.6), a penalty imposed 13 14 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 (C.2C:14-10), other 15 financial penalties, restitution, or any installment thereof, execution 16 may be levied and such other measures may be taken for collection 17 of it or the unpaid balance thereof as are authorized for the 18 collection of an unpaid civil judgment entered against the defendant 19 in an action on a debt.
  - Upon any default in the payment of restitution or any installment thereof, the victim entitled to the payment may institute summary collection proceedings authorized by subsection b. of this section.
  - d. Upon any default in the payment of an assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1) or any installment thereof, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office or the party responsible for collection may institute summary collection proceedings authorized by subsection b. of this section.
  - e. When a defendant sentenced to make restitution to a public entity other than the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, defaults in the payment thereof or any installment, the court may, in lieu of other modification of the sentence, order the defendant to perform work in a labor assistance program or enforced community service program.
  - If a defendant ordered to participate in a labor assistance program or enforced community service program fails to report for work or to perform the assigned work, the comprehensive enforcement hearing officer may revoke the work order and impose any sentence permitted as a consequence of the original conviction.
  - g. If a defendant ordered to participate in a labor assistance program or an enforced community service program pays all outstanding assessments, the comprehensive enforcement hearing officer may review the work order, and modify the same to reflect the objective of the sentence.
- 45 h. As used in this section:
  - (1) "Comprehensive enforcement program" means the program established pursuant to the "Comprehensive Enforcement Program

- Fund Act," sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1995, c.9 (C.2B:19-1 et seq.).
  - (2) The terms "labor assistance program" and "enforced community service" have the same meaning as those terms are defined in section 5 of the "Comprehensive Enforcement Program Fund Act," P.L.1995, c.9 (C.2B:19-5).
    - (3) "Public entity" means the State, any county, municipality, district, public authority, public agency and any other political subdivision or public body in the State.
    - (4) "Court-imposed financial obligation" means any fine, statutorily-mandated assessment, surcharge, or other financial penalty imposed by a court, but does not include restitution or child support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court.

14 (cf: P.L.2013, c.180, s.1)

- <sup>2</sup>[11.] <sup>3</sup>[8.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[9.<sup>3</sup>] 8.<sup>4</sup> Section 119 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-119) is amended to read as follows:
- 119. Gaming by Certain Persons Prohibited; Penalties; Defenses.
  - a. **[**No**]** A person under the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages shall <u>not</u> enter, or wager in, a licensed casino or simulcasting facility; provided, however, that **[**such a**]** the person may enter a casino or simulcasting facility by way of passage to another room, and provided further, however, that any **[**such**]** person **[**who is**]** licensed or registered under the provisions of the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), may enter a casino or simulcasting facility in the regular course of the person's permitted activities.

Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense and shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000. [In addition, the court shall suspend or postpone the person's license to operate a motor vehicle for six months.

Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

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The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate given the age at the time of sentencing, the non-resident driving privilege of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

- b. Any licensee or employee of a casino who allows a person under the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages to remain in or wager in a casino or simulcasting facility is guilty of a disorderly persons offense; except that the establishment of all of the following facts by a licensee or employee allowing any [such] underage person to remain shall constitute a defense to any prosecution therefor:
- (1) That the underage person falsely represented in writing that he or she was at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages;
- (2) That the appearance of the underage person was such that an ordinary prudent person would believe him or her to be at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages; and
- (3) That the admission was made in good faith, relying upon such written representation and appearance, and in the reasonable belief that the underage person was actually at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
- c. A person who knowingly allows or permits another person who is under his or her lawful care, custody, or control and who is under the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages to wager or attempt to wager in a licensed casino or simulcasting facility in violation of subsection a. of this section is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.
- 45 (cf: P.L.2002, c.65, s.30)

- <sup>2</sup>[12. Section 3 of P.L.1952, c.157 (C.12:7-46) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. a. **[No]** A person shall <u>not</u> operate a vessel on the waters of this State while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a narcotic, hallucinogenic, or habit-producing drug or with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or more by weight of alcohol. **[No]** A person shall <u>not</u> permit another who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug, or who has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% by weight of alcohol, to operate any vessel owned by the person or in **[his]** the person's custody or control.

As used in this section, "vessel" means a power vessel as defined by section 2 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-71) or a vessel which is 12 feet or greater in length.

A person who violates this section shall be subject to the following:

(1) For a first offense:

- (i) if the person's blood alcohol concentration is 0.08% or higher but less than 0.10%, or the person operates a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or the person permits another person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor to operate a vessel owned by him or in his custody or control or permits another person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or higher but less than 0.10% to operate a vessel, to a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$400; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of one year from the date of conviction [and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of three months];
- (ii) if the person's blood alcohol concentration is 0.10% or higher, or the person operates a vessel while under the influence of a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug, or the person permits another person who is under the influence of a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug to operate a vessel owned by him or in his custody or control, or permits another person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10% or more to operate a vessel, to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of one year from the date of conviction [and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than seven months nor more than one year].
- (2) For a second offense, to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000; to the performance of community service for a period of 30 days, in the form and on the terms as the court deems appropriate under the circumstances; and to imprisonment for a term of not less than 48 hours nor more than 90 days, which shall

not be suspended or served on probation; and to the revocation of 1 2 the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a 3 period of two years after the date of conviction [and to the 4 forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of two years ].

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(3) For a third or subsequent offense, to a fine of \$1,000; to imprisonment for a term of not less than 180 days, except that the court may lower this term for each day not exceeding 90 days during which the person performs community service, in the form and on the terms as the court deems appropriate under the circumstances; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction **[**and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of 10 years ].

Upon conviction of a violation of this section, the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey [driver's license or licenses] certification of successful completion of a boat safety course and power vessel operator's license of the person so convicted and forward [such license or licenses] these documents to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. In the event that a person convicted under this section is the holder of any out-of-State [motor vehicle driver's or] vessel operator's license, the court shall not collect the license but shall notify forthwith the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, who shall, in turn, notify appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, revoke the nonresident's **[**driving privilege to operate a motor vehicle and the nonresident's privilege to operate a vessel in this State.

- b. A person who has been convicted of a previous violation of this section need not be charged as a second or subsequent offender in the complaint made against him in order to render him liable to the punishment imposed by this section against a second or subsequent offender. If a second offense occurs more than 10 years after the first offense, the court shall treat a second conviction as a first offense for sentencing purposes and, if a third offense occurs more than 10 years after the second offense, the court shall treat a third conviction as a second offense for sentencing purposes.
- If a court imposes a term of imprisonment under this section, the person may be sentenced to the county jail, to the workhouse of the county where the offense was committed, or to an inpatient rehabilitation program approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Director of the Division of [Alcoholism and Drug Abuse] Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of [Health and Senior] Human Services.

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In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving privileges authorized herein, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than three months after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving or vessel operating privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction of any offense defined in this section, the revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed herein shall commence as of the date termination of the existing revocation, suspension or postponement. A second offense shall result in the suspension or postponement of the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for six months. A third or subsequent offense shall result in the suspension or postponement of the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for two years. The court before whom any person is convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of the person and forward such license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall cause a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the chief administrator. That report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle or a vessel during the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40 or section 14 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-83), whichever is appropriate. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40 or section 14 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-83). If the person is the holder of a driver's or vessel operator's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license but shall notify forthwith the chief administrator who shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke the person's non-resident driving or vessel operating privilege,

whichever is appropriate, in this State. 1 (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

- e. In addition to any other requirements provided by law, a person convicted under this section shall satisfy the screening, evaluation, referral program and fee requirements of the Division of Alcoholism's Intoxicated Driving Programs Unit. A fee of \$80 shall payable to the Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund established under section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531 (C.26:2B-32), by the convicted person in order to defray the costs of the screening, evaluation and referral by the Intoxicated Driving Programs Unit. Failure to satisfy this requirement shall result in the immediate forfeiture of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State or the continuation of revocation until the requirements are satisfied.
  - f. In addition to any other requirements provided by law, a person convicted under this section shall be required after conviction to complete a boat safety course from the list approved by the Superintendent of State Police pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987, c.453 (C.12:7-60), which shall be completed prior to the restoration of the privilege to operate a vessel which may have been revoked or suspended for a violation of the provisions of this section. Failure to satisfy this requirement shall result in the immediate revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State, or the continuation of revocation until the requirements of this subsection are satisfied.

(cf: P.L.2004, c.80, s.1) $\mathbf{l}^2$ 

- <sup>2</sup>[13.] <sup>3</sup>[9.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[10.<sup>3</sup>] 9.<sup>4</sup> Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.4) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. a. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) commits a disorderly persons offense.
- b. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,500.00 for a first offense, not more than \$5,000.00 for a second offense and not more than \$10,000.00 for a third and every subsequent offense. Each day during which the violation continues constitutes an additional, separate and distinct offense.
- c. If a person is convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3), the court shall, in addition to the penalties provided under subsection b. of this section, require the person to perform community service for a term of not more than 90 days [, and the person shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year ].

- d. All conveyances used or intended for use in the unlawful transportation or disposal of solid waste in violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) are subject to forfeiture to the State pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.).
- e. The provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.) or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever a conveyance is forfeited to the State pursuant to subsection d. of this section, the proceeds from the disposal and sale of such conveyance shall be remitted to the chief financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the municipality to help finance enforcement activities undertaken pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1970, c.40 (C.48:13A-12) or section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3).
  - f. A person convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) shall be liable to the railroad company in the amount of three times the damages caused directly or indirectly by the unlawful disposal together with three times the costs associated with the cleanup of the real property upon which the violation occurred, including, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and costs which the railroad company may reasonably expend in a civil suit brought in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect the sums imposed by this subsection. In any such suit, a final judgment of conviction shall be admissible as conclusive proof that the person violated the provisions of subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3).

28 (cf: P.L.1995, c.11, s.2)

- <sup>2</sup>[14.] <sup>3</sup>[10.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[11.<sup>3</sup> Section 6 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-35) is amended to read as follows:
- 6. a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.151.)
- b. There is created a Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System which shall apply to all drivers and shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:
- (1) (a) Surcharges shall be levied, beginning on or after January 1, 1984, by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (hereinafter the "commission") established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-4) on any driver who, in the preceding 36-month period, has accumulated six or more motor vehicle points, as provided in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes; except that the allowance for a reduction of points in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply for the purpose of determining surcharges under this paragraph. The accumulation of points shall be calculated as of the date the point violation is posted to the driver history record and shall be levied pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission. Surcharges assessed pursuant to this paragraph shall be [\$150.00]

- \$\frac{\\$150}{150}\$ for six points, and \$\bar{\\$25.00}\$ \frac{\\$25}{150}\$ for each additional point. No offense shall be selected for billing which occurred prior to February 10, 1983. No offense shall be considered for billing in more than three annual assessments.
  - (b) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1984, c.1.)

- (2) (a) Surcharges shall be levied pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for each offense of unsafe driving under subsection a. of that section.
- (b) Surcharges shall be levied for convictions (i) under R.S.39:4-50 for violations occurring on or after February 10, 1983, and (ii) under section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), or for offenses committed in other jurisdictions of a substantially similar nature to those under R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), for violations occurring on or after January 26, 1984. Except as hereinafter provided, surcharges under this subparagraph (b) shall be levied annually for a three-year period, and shall be [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 per year for each of the first two convictions, for a total surcharge of \$3,000 for each conviction, and [\$1,500.00] \$1,500 per year for the third conviction occurring within a three-year period, for a total surcharge of \$4,500 for the third conviction. If a driver is convicted under both R.S.39:4-50 and section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) for offenses arising out of the same incident, the driver shall be assessed only one surcharge for the two offenses.

[If, upon written notification from the commission or its designee, mailed to the last address of record with the commission, a driver fails to pay a surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission, the driving privilege of the driver shall be suspended forthwith until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment that has resulted in suspension is paid to the commission; except that the commission may authorize payment of the surcharge on an installment basis over a period of 12 months for assessments under \$2,300 or 24 months for assessments of \$2,300 or more.] The commission, for good cause, may authorize payment of any surcharge on an installment basis over a period not to exceed 36 months. If a driver fails to pay the surcharge or any installments on the surcharge, the total surcharge shall become due immediately, except as otherwise prescribed by rule of the commission.

The commission may authorize any person to pay the surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission by use of a credit card, debit card or other electronic payment device, and the administrator is authorized to require the person to pay all costs incurred by the commission in connection with the acceptance of the credit card, debit card or other electronic payment device. If a surcharge or related administrative fee is paid by credit or debit cards or any other electronic payment device and the amount is

subsequently reversed by the credit card company or bank, **[**the driving privilege of the surcharged driver shall be suspended and **]** the driver shall be subject to the fee imposed for dishonored checks pursuant to section 31 of P.L.1994, c.60 (C.39:5-36.1).

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interest and costs, if any, is paid to the commission. If a certificate 1 2 of debt is satisfied following a credit card payment, debit card 3 payment or payment by other electronic payment device and that 4 payment is reversed, a new certificate of debt shall be filed against the surcharged driver unless the original is reinstated.

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11 All moneys collectible by the commission under subparagraph 12 (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be billed and 13 collected by the commission except as provided in P.L.1997, c.280 14 (C.2B:19-10 et al.) for the collection of unpaid surcharges. 15 Commencing on September 1, 1996, or such earlier time as the 16 Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall certify to the State 17 Treasurer that amounts on deposit in the New Jersey Automobile 18 Insurance Guaranty Fund are sufficient to satisfy the current and 19 anticipated financial obligations of the New Jersey Automobile Full 20 Insurance Underwriting Association, all surcharges collected by the 21 commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this 22 subsection b. shall be remitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles 23 Surcharge Fund:

- (i) for transfer to the Market Transition Facility Revenue Fund, as provided in section 12 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.12), for the purposes of section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) until such a time as all the Market Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant to that section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding; and
- 32 (ii) from and after the date of certification by the Commissioner 33 of Banking and Insurance that the moneys collectible under 34 subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. are no longer 35 needed to fund the association or at such time as all Market 36 Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor 37 Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant 38 to section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof 39 are discharged and no longer outstanding, for transfer to the Motor 40 Vehicle Surcharges Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 6 41 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," 42 P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.28) to be applied as set forth in section 43 6 that act. From and after such time as all bonds issued under 44 section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 45 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26) and the costs thereof are 46 discharged and no longer outstanding, all surcharges collected by 47 the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this

subsection b. shall, subject to appropriation, be remitted to the New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association created pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-6) to be used for payment of any loans made by that association to the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection a. of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-8); provided that all such payments shall be subject to and dependent upon appropriation by the State Legislature.

All surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be forwarded not less frequently than monthly to the Division of Revenue. The Division of Revenue shall transfer: all such surcharges received prior to July 1, 2006, to the General Fund, and commencing July 1, 2006, all such surcharges to the Unsafe Driving Surcharge Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 5 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.27) to be applied as set forth in section 5 of that act. From and after such time as all bonds (including refunding bonds), notes and other obligations issued under section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26), and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding, all such surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. and forwarded to the Division of Revenue shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Upon request, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide a monthly report to the Division of Revenue containing information on the number of convictions for the offense of unsafe driving pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) that were entered during such month, the amount of the surcharges that were assessed by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for such month, and the amount of the surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) during such month.

(3) In addition to any other authority provided in P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-33 et al.), the commissioner, after consultation with the commission, is specifically authorized (a) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.64), (b) to impose, in accordance with subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection b., surcharges for motor vehicle violations or convictions for which motor vehicle points are not assessed under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, or (c) to reduce the number of points for which surcharges may be assessed below the level provided in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection b., except that the dollar amount of all surcharges levied under the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System shall be uniform on a Statewide basis for each filer, without regard to classification or territory. Surcharges adopted by the commissioner on or after January 1, 1984 for motor vehicle violations or

- convictions for which motor vehicle points are not assessable under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not be retroactively applied but shall take effect on the date of the New Jersey Register in which notice of adoption appears or the effective date set forth in that notice, whichever is later.
  - c. No motor vehicle violation surcharges shall be levied on an automobile insurance policy issued or renewed on or after January 1, 1984, except in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System, and all surcharges levied thereunder shall be assessed, collected and distributed in accordance with subsection b. of this section.
  - d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1990, c.8.)
    - e. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the commission as may be appropriate, shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this section.
  - (cf: P.L.2007, c.282, s.1)**]**<sup>4</sup>

- <sup>2</sup>[15.] <sup>3</sup>[11.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[12.<sup>3</sup> Section 50 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-41) is amended to read as follows:
- 50. a. Upon the termination of a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance by cancellation for nonpayment of premium pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, c.158 (C.17:29C-7), notice of that cancellation shall be filed by the insurer with the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission not later than 30 days following the effective date of that cancellation.
- b. The **[**division**]** commission shall notify the person whose policy was canceled that, unless proof of motor vehicle liability insurance is filed with the **[**division**]** commission within 30 days of the notification or some other allowable circumstance exists and the **[**division**]** commission<sup>1</sup> is notified of that circumstance within 30 days of the notification, the sanctions and penalties of this section shall apply.
- c. If the [Director] <u>Chief Administrator</u> of the [Division of Motor Vehicles] <u>New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission</u> has not received proof of motor vehicle liability insurance or other allowable circumstances within 30 days pursuant to subsection b. of this section, [he] <u>the chief administrator</u> shall suspend the registration of [such] <sup>1</sup>the vehicle, except that:
- (1) Suspension shall not be made under this subsection upon the basis of a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the registration certificate and registration plates of the motor vehicle are surrendered prior to the time at which the cancellation of insurance becomes effective. [Such surrender] Surrender of the certificate and plates shall be made to [such] officers of the [division] commission as the [director] chief administrator shall

direct. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expiration of a registration without renewal of that registration shall be deemed to be a surrender of registration as of the date of expiration;

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- (2) Suspension shall not be made under this subsection upon a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the vehicle has been, or will be, prior to the date of that cancellation, removed from the United States in North America and the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of international traffic, provided that the owner of the vehicle, prior to the date of that cancellation, has filed with the <code>[director]</code> chief administrator a statement, in a form prescribed by <code>[him]</code> the chief administrator, indicating that the vehicle has been, or will be, so removed, and agreeing to notify the <code>[director]</code> chief administrator immediately upon return of the vehicle to the United States in North America or the Dominion of Canada. Upon receipt of the statement the <code>[director]</code> chief administrator shall restrict the use of the registration to <code>[such]</code> international traffic until new proof that motor vehicle liability insurance has been secured for the vehicle;
- (3) Suspension need not be made under this subsection upon the basis of a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the period of time during which the motor vehicle remained both registered and uninsured was not greater than 15 days. The **[**director] chief administrator shall promulgate regulations governing the conditions under which suspension action may be withheld pursuant to this paragraph.
- d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this section, an order of suspension may be rescinded if the registrant pays to the commissioner a civil penalty in the amount of \$4 for each day up to 90 days for which motor vehicle liability insurance was not in effect. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only once during any 36-month period and only if the registrant surrenders the certificate of registration and registration plates to the [director] chief administrator not more than 90 days from the date of cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage or submits to the [director] chief administrator proof of motor vehicle liability insurance which took effect not more than 90 days from the cancellation of [his] the registrant's previous motor vehicle liability insurance.
- e. Any motor vehicle, the registration for which has been suspended pursuant to this section, shall not be registered or reregistered in the name of the [same] registrant, or in any other name where the [director] chief administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that [such] the registration or reregistration will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this section, and no other motor vehicle shall be registered in the name of [such] the person during the period of suspension.

f. [No registration] <u>Registration</u> plates shall <u>not</u> be returned to the registrant until proof of motor vehicle liability insurance is submitted to the [director] <u>chief administrator</u>.

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- g. <sup>2</sup>[If a registrant has not surrendered his certificate of 4 registration and registration plates or obtained motor vehicle 5 liability insurance within 90 days from the date of cancellation of 6 7 motor vehicle liability insurance, the [director] chief administrator 8 [shall] may suspend the driver's license of [any such] the 9 registrant. <sup>1</sup>In deciding the duration of any suspension, revocation, 10 or postponement of the person's driving privileges for failure to 11 surrender the certificate of registration and registration plates or obtain insurance, the chief administrator shall consider the 12 13 circumstances of the nonpayment of premium, and whether the loss 14 of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available.<sup>1</sup> The suspension 15 shall take effect on the date specified in the order and shall remain 16 in effect until termination of the suspension of the registrant's 17 18 registration. I (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>2</sup> 19
  - h. The [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions of this section. The [director] chief administrator may, by regulation, require that the provisions of this section shall be applicable to the termination of policies of motor vehicle liability insurance for reasons other than cancellation for nonpayment of premium, including nonrenewals.
- 29 Within 180 days of the effective date of this act the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle 30 31 Commission shall develop a format for electronic reporting by 32 insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance, to the 33 [division] commission, on a real-time basis, information regarding 34 the cancellation of policies of motor vehicle insurance, the issuance 35 of new policies of motor vehicle insurance, and changes of vehicle 36 on policies of motor vehicle insurance in force in order to verify 37 compliance with the motor vehicle liability insurance requirements 38 of section 1 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1), and the mandatory 39 automobile insurance requirements of section 4 of P.L.1998, c.21 40 (C.39:6A-3.1). Information shall be maintained by driver's license 41 number of the named insured. Other information to be provided by 42 insurers shall be established by the [director] chief administrator 43 by regulation.
- j. The [director] <u>chief administrator</u> shall establish an electronic data base containing the information provided for in subsection i. of this section, which shall be made available to all

- law enforcement officers for the purpose of enforcing the mandatory motor vehicle insurance requirements of section 1 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1). The data base shall not be made available until every insurer writing private passenger insurance has complied with regulations of the [director] chief administrator and the information required by subsection i. of this section is reported on a real-time basis. The [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall establish security procedures to protect the confidentiality of the information on the data base, which shall preclude access to the information to any person not otherwise entitled to it under this or any other law.
  - k. The data base shall be funded from the Uninsured Motorist Prevention Fund established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1983, c.141 (C.39:6B-3).
- 15 (cf: P.L.1998, c.22, s.7)**1**<sup>4</sup>

- $^{2}$ [16.]  $^{3}$ [12. $^{2}$ ]  $^{4}$ [13. $^{3}$ ] 10. $^{4}$  R.S.33:1-81 is amended to read as follows:
  - 33:1-81. It shall be unlawful for:
- (a) A person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages to enter any premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing, or having served or delivered to him or her, any alcoholic beverage; or
- (b) A person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages to consume any alcoholic beverage on premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, or to purchase, attempt to purchase or have another purchase for him any alcoholic beverage; or
- (c) Any person to misrepresent or misstate his age, or the age of any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee or any employee of any licensee, to sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages; or
- (d) Any person to enter any premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing, or to purchase alcoholic beverages, for another person who does not because of his age have the right to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than **[**\$500.00**]** <u>\$500</u>. **[**In addition, the court shall suspend or postpone the person's license to operate a motor vehicle for six months.

Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of

license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate given the age at the time of sentencing, the non-resident driving privilege of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

In addition to the general penalties prescribed for an offense, the court may require any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages who violates this act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program authorized by the Department of Health for a period not to exceed the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been convicted.

35 (cf: P.L.1991, c.169, s.1)

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- <sup>5</sup>11. Section 6 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-35) is amended to read as follows:
- 6. a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.151.)
- b. There is created a Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System which shall apply to all drivers and shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:
- (1) (a) Surcharges shall be levied, beginning on or after January 1, 1984, by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (hereinafter the "commission") established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-4) on any driver who, in the preceding 36-month period, has accumulated six or more motor vehicle points, as provided in

- 1 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes; except that the allowance for a
- 2 reduction of points in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not
- 3 apply for the purpose of determining surcharges under this
- 4 paragraph. The accumulation of points shall be calculated as of the
- 5 date the point violation is posted to the driver history record and
- 6 shall be levied pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission.
- 7 Surcharges assessed pursuant to this paragraph shall be [\$150.00]
- 8 \$150 for six points, and [\$25.00] \$25 for each additional point. No
- 9 offense shall be selected for billing which occurred prior to
- 10 February 10, 1983. No offense shall be considered for billing in
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- (2) (a) Surcharges shall be levied pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for each offense of unsafe driving under subsection a. of that section.
- (b) Surcharges shall be levied for convictions (i) under R.S.39:4-50 for violations occurring on or after February 10, 1983, and (ii) under section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), or for offenses committed in other jurisdictions of a substantially similar nature to those under R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), for violations occurring on or after January 26, 1984. Except as hereinafter provided, surcharges under this subparagraph (b) shall be levied annually for a three-year period, and shall be [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 per year for each of the first two convictions, for a total surcharge of \$3,000 for each conviction, and [\$1,500.00] \$1,500 per year for the third conviction occurring within a three-year period, for a total surcharge of \$4,500 for the third conviction. If a driver is convicted under both R.S.39:4-50 and section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) for offenses arising out of the same incident, the driver shall be assessed only one surcharge for the two offenses.
- [If, upon written notification from the commission or its designee, mailed to the last address of record with the commission, a driver fails to pay a surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission, the driving privilege of the driver shall be suspended forthwith until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment that has resulted in suspension is paid to the commission; except that the commission may authorize payment of the surcharge on an installment basis over a period of 12 months for assessments under \$2,300 or 24 months for assessments of \$2,300 or more.] The commission, for good cause, may authorize payment of any surcharge on an installment basis over a period not to exceed 36 months. If a driver fails to pay the surcharge or any installments on the surcharge, the total surcharge shall become due immediately, except as otherwise prescribed by rule of the commission.

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In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the commission is authorized to utilize the provisions of the SOIL (Set off of Individual Liability) program established pursuant to P.L.1981, c.239 (C.54A:9-8.1 et seq.) to collect any surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission that is unpaid on or after the effective date of this act. As an additional remedy, the commission may issue a certificate to the Clerk of the Superior Court stating that the person identified in the certificate is indebted under this surcharge law in such amount as shall be stated in the certificate. The certificate shall reference the statute under which the indebtedness arises. Thereupon the clerk to whom such certificate shall have been issued shall immediately enter upon the record of docketed judgments the name of such person as debtor; the State as creditor; the address of such person, if shown in the certificate; the amount of the debt so certified; a reference to the statute under which the surcharge is assessed, and the date of making such entries. The docketing of the entries shall have the same force and effect as a civil judgment docketed in the Superior Court, and the commission shall have all the remedies and may take all of the proceedings for the collection thereof which may be had or taken upon the recovery of a judgment in an action, but without prejudice to any right of appeal. Upon entry by the clerk of the certificate in the record of docketed judgments in accordance with this provision, interest in the amount specified by the court rules for post-judgment interest shall accrue from the date of the docketing of the certificate, however payment of the interest may be waived by the commission or its designee. In the event that the surcharge remains unpaid following the issuance of the certificate of debt and the commission takes any further collection action including referral of the matter to the Attorney General or his designee, the fee imposed, in lieu of the actual cost of collection, may be 20 percent of surcharges of \$1,000 or more. The administrator or his designee may establish a sliding scale, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$200, for surcharge principal amounts of less than \$1,000 at the time the certificate of debt is forwarded to the Superior Court

for filing. The commission shall provide written notification to a driver of the proposed filing of the certificate of debt at least 10 days prior to the proposed filing; such notice shall be mailed to the driver's last address of record with the commission. Upon the filing of a certificate of debt with the Clerk of the Superior Court, the surcharged driver shall not be eligible for the restoration of his driving privilege until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment that has resulted in the suspension, including interest and costs, if any, is paid to the commission. If a certificate of debt is satisfied following a credit card payment, debit card payment or payment by other electronic payment device and that payment is reversed, a new certificate of debt shall be filed against the surcharged driver unless the original is reinstated.

If the administrator or his designee approves a special payment plan, of such duration as the administrator or his designee deems appropriate, for repayment of the certificate of debt, and the driver is complying with the approved plan, the plan may be continued for any new surcharge not part of the certificate of debt.

 All moneys collectible by the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be billed and collected by the commission except as provided in P.L.1997, c.280 (C.2B:19-10 et al.) for the collection of unpaid surcharges. Commencing on September 1, 1996, or such earlier time as the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall certify to the State Treasurer that amounts on deposit in the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund are sufficient to satisfy the current and anticipated financial obligations of the New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association, all surcharges collected by the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be remitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles Surcharge Fund:

- (i) for transfer to the Market Transition Facility Revenue Fund, as provided in section 12 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.12), for the purposes of section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) until such a time as all the Market Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant to that section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding; and
- (ii) from and after the date of certification by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance that the moneys collectible under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. are no longer needed to fund the association or at such time as all Market Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding, for transfer to the Motor

Vehicle Surcharges Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 6 1 2 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," 3 P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.28) to be applied as set forth in section 4 6 that act. From and after such time as all bonds issued under 5 section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 6 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26) and the costs thereof are 7 discharged and no longer outstanding, all surcharges collected by 8 the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this 9 subsection b. shall, subject to appropriation, be remitted to the New 10 Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association created 11 pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-6) to be used for 12 payment of any loans made by that association to the New Jersey 13 Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund pursuant to paragraph (10) of 14 subsection a. of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-8); provided 15 that all such payments shall be subject to and dependent upon 16 appropriation by the State Legislature.

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All surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be forwarded not less frequently than monthly to the Division of Revenue. The Division of Revenue shall transfer: all such surcharges received prior to July 1, 2006, to the General Fund, and commencing July 1, 2006, all such surcharges to the Unsafe Driving Surcharge Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 5 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.27) to be applied as set forth in section 5 of that act. From and after such time as all bonds (including refunding bonds), notes and other obligations issued under section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26), and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding, all such surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. and forwarded to the Division of Revenue shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Upon request, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide a monthly report to the Division of Revenue containing information on the number of convictions for the offense of unsafe driving pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) that were entered during such month, the amount of the surcharges that were assessed by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for such month, and the amount of the surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) during such month.

(3) In addition to any other authority provided in P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-33 et al.), the commissioner, after consultation with the commission, is specifically authorized (a) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.64), (b) to impose, in accordance with subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection b., surcharges for motor vehicle violations or convictions for which motor vehicle points are not

assessed under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, or (c) to reduce the number of points for which surcharges may be assessed below the level provided in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection b., except that the dollar amount of all surcharges levied under the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System shall be uniform on a Statewide basis for each filer, without regard to classification or territory. Surcharges adopted by the commissioner on or after January 1, 1984 for motor vehicle violations or convictions for which motor vehicle points are not assessable under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not be retroactively applied but shall take effect on the date of the New Jersey Register in which notice of adoption appears or the effective date set forth in that notice, whichever is later.

- c. No motor vehicle violation surcharges shall be levied on an automobile insurance policy issued or renewed on or after January 1, 1984, except in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System, and all surcharges levied thereunder shall be assessed, collected and distributed in accordance with subsection b. of this section.
- d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1990, c.8.)
- e. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the commission as may be appropriate, shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this section.<sup>5</sup>

25 (cf: P.L.2007, c.282, s.1)

## <sup>2</sup>[17] <sup>3</sup>[13.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[14.<sup>3</sup>] <sup>5</sup>[11.<sup>4</sup>] 12.<sup>5</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.289 (C.39:4-49.1) is amended to read as follows:

1. **[**No**]** A person shall <u>not</u> operate a motor vehicle on any highway while knowingly having in **[**his**]** the person's possession or in the motor vehicle any controlled dangerous substance as classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV and V of the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act," P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.) or any prescription legend drug, unless the person has obtained the substance or drug from, or on a valid written prescription of, a duly licensed physician, veterinarian, dentist <sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup> or other medical practitioner licensed to write prescriptions intended for the treatment or prevention of disease in **[**man**]** <u>humans</u> or animals or unless the person possesses a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner or lawfully possesses a Schedule V substance.

A person who violates this section <sup>2</sup>, except a person who violates the provisions of N.J.S.2C:35-10, <sup>2</sup> shall be fined not less than [\$50.00 and shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle for a period of two years from the date of his conviction] \$50 <sup>4</sup>[¹and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or

postpone the person's driving privileges for a period of up to six 1 2 months. In deciding the duration of any suspension, revocation, or 3 postponement of the person's driving privileges pursuant to this 4 section, the court shall consider the circumstances of the offense 5 and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme 6 hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available<sup>1</sup>]<sup>4</sup>. 7

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<sup>2</sup>[18.] <sup>3</sup>[14.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[15.<sup>3</sup>] <sup>5</sup>[12.<sup>4</sup>] 13.<sup>5</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1967, c.305 (C.39:4-56.5) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any highway, other than a limited access highway, or other public property or on any private property without the consent of the owner or other person in charge of the private property. A vehicle which has remained on or along any highway or other public property or on private property without such consent for a period of more than 48 hours or for any period without current license plates shall be presumed to be an abandoned motor vehicle. Vehicles used or to be used in the construction, operation or maintenance of public utility facilities and which are left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic shall not be considered abandoned vehicles for the purposes of this section.

- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any limited access highway without the consent of the State Department of Transportation or other entity having jurisdiction over the limited access highway, as the case may be. A vehicle which remains on or along [such a] the highway for a period of more than four hours or for any period without current license plates shall be presumed to be an abandoned motor vehicle. Legally parked vehicles, such as vehicles parked in a designated rest area for not more than 12 hours, or vehicles used or to be used in the construction, operation, or maintenance of public utility facilities and which are left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic shall not be considered abandoned vehicles for the purposes of this section.
- Any person who violates this section shall be subject for the first offense to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and his license or driving privilege may be suspended or revoked by the director for not more than two years ]. For any subsequent violation [he] the person shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 [nor] or more than \$1,000[, and his license or driving privilege be suspended or revoked for a period of not more than five years].
- (cf: P.L.1999, c.411, s.1) 46

<sup>1</sup>[19. Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) is amended to read as follows:

- 9. a. If a person has failed to respond to a failure to appear notice or has failed to pay a parking judgment, the municipal court may give notice of that fact to the commission in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. If notice has been given under this section of a person's failure to respond to a failure to appear notice or to pay a parking judgment and if the fines and penalties are paid or if the case is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, the municipal court shall promptly give notice to that effect to the commission.
- b. The judge or the commission may suspend the **[**driver's license, or the **]** registration of the motor vehicle of an owner, lessee, or operator who has not answered or appeared in response to a failure to appear notice or has not paid or otherwise satisfied outstanding parking fines or penalties.

If the **[**license or **]** registration suspension is the result of the failure to pay outstanding parking fines or penalties, or respond to a failure to appear notice, the commission shall:

- (1) delay the imposition of the [license or] registration suspension for at least 30 days after the date on which the commission received a notice of suspension from the municipal court; and
- (2) upon receipt of a notice of suspension from the municipal court, provide written notice advising the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension shall take effect 30 days after the date of the commission's notice. The written notice issued by the commission shall provide the reason for suspension, identify the municipal court that issued the notice of suspension, and inform the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension may be avoided by contacting the municipal court that issued the notice of suspension within the 30 day period to resolve the pending parking violation.

If an owner, lessee or operator has been found guilty of a parking offense and has failed to pay or otherwise satisfy outstanding parking fines or penalties, the court shall provide notice and an opportunity to appear before a judge prior to suspending that person's [driver's license or] motor vehicle registration. In determining whether to suspend the person's [driver's license or the] motor vehicle registration, the judge and the commission shall take into consideration the area where the person resides and whether or not the person has access to off-street parking. In accordance with section 1 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.1) and section 1 of P.L.2009, c.317 (C.2B:12-23.1), a court may permit alternatives to the payment of certain outstanding portions of parking fines and penalties based on a person's ability to pay, including allowing the payment of the fine in installments,

conversion of the fine to community service, or revoking portions of the fine or penalty.

When a person whose [license or] registration has been suspended appears at court proceedings or otherwise resolves pending parking violations, or pays or otherwise satisfies all parking fines or penalties, the municipal court shall provide the person with a receipt of payment and shall give electronic notice to the commission that the person's obligations have been satisfied and the suspension ordered by the court shall not be imposed. If, prior to the effective date of the suspension by the commission, the person submits the receipt of payment to the commission or the commission receives the electronic notice stating that the person's obligations have been satisfied, the commission shall not suspend the person's [license or] registration. If the commission receives the receipt or electronic notice after the effective date of the suspension, the person shall seek the restoration of the [license or] registration through procedures adopted by the commission.

c. The commission shall keep a record of a suspension ordered by the court pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

(cf: P.L.2017, c.75, s.1)]<sup>1</sup>

## $^{2}$ [ $^{1}$ 19.] $^{3}$ [ $^{15}$ . $^{2}$ ] $^{4}$ [ $^{16}$ . $^{3}$ ] $^{5}$ [ $^{13}$ . $^{4}$ ] $^{14}$ . Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) is amended to read as follows:

- 9. a. If a person has failed to respond to a failure to appear notice or has failed to pay a parking judgment, the municipal court may give notice of that fact to the commission in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. If notice has been given under this section of a person's failure to respond to a failure to appear notice or to pay a parking judgment and if the fines and penalties are paid or if the case is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, the municipal court shall promptly give notice to that effect to the commission.
- b. The judge or the commission may suspend the driver's license, or the registration of the motor vehicle of an owner, lessee, or operator who has not answered or appeared in response to a failure to appear notice or has not paid or otherwise satisfied outstanding parking fines or penalties.

If the license or registration suspension is the result of the failure to pay outstanding parking fines or penalties, or respond to a failure to appear notice, the commission shall:

- (1) delay the imposition of the license or registration suspension for at least 30 days after the date on which the commission received a notice of suspension from the municipal court; and
- (2) upon receipt of a notice of suspension from the municipal court, provide written notice advising the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension shall take effect 30 days after the date of the commission's notice. The written notice issued by the commission shall provide the reason for suspension, identify the municipal court

that issued the notice of suspension, and inform the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension may be avoided by contacting the municipal court that issued the notice of suspension within the 30 day period to resolve the pending parking violation.

If an owner, lessee or operator has been found guilty of a parking offense and has failed to pay or otherwise satisfy outstanding parking fines or penalties, the court shall provide notice and an opportunity to appear before a judge prior to suspending that person's driver's license or motor vehicle registration. In determining whether to suspend the person's driver's license or the motor vehicle registration, the judge and the commission shall take into consideration the circumstances of the offense, whether the suspension of the person's driver's license will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available, the area where the person resides, and whether or not the person has access to off-street parking. In accordance with section 1 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.1) and section 1 of P.L.2009, c.317 (C.2B:12-23.1), a court may permit alternatives to the payment of certain outstanding portions of parking fines and penalties based on a person's ability to pay, including allowing the payment of the fine in installments, conversion of the fine to community service, or revoking portions of the fine or penalty.

When a person whose license or registration has been suspended appears at court proceedings or otherwise resolves pending parking violations, or pays or otherwise satisfies all parking fines or penalties, the municipal court shall provide the person with a receipt of payment and shall give electronic notice to the commission that the person's obligations have been satisfied and the suspension ordered by the court shall not be imposed. If, prior to the effective date of the suspension by the commission, the person submits the receipt of payment to the commission or the commission receives the electronic notice stating that the person's obligations have been satisfied, the commission shall not suspend the person's license or registration. If the commission receives the receipt or electronic notice after the effective date of the suspension, the person shall seek the restoration of the license or registration through procedures adopted by the commission.

c. The commission shall keep a record of a suspension ordered by the court pursuant to subsection b. of this section.<sup>1</sup>

(cf: P.L.2017, c.75, s.1)

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<sup>2</sup>[20.] <sup>3</sup>[16.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[17.<sup>3</sup>] <sup>5</sup>[14.<sup>4</sup> Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.296 (C.39:5-30.13) is amended to read as follows:

2. The [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of] New Jersey Motor [Vehicles] Vehicle Commission shall suspend, revoke, or postpone the driving privilege in this State for a period of [not less than] six months [or more than two years] of every person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a drug offense in any federal court or in the court of any other state, or the District of

Columbia. When a person whose license is subject to suspension, 1 2 revocation, or postponement under this act is less than 17 years of 3 age, the period of suspension, revocation or postponement imposed 4 by the [director] chief administrator shall commence immediately 5 and shall run for a period of not less than six months or more than 6 two years after the date the person reaches the age of 17. If the 7 driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of Title 2C or Title 39 of the Revised 8 9 Statutes at the time of the imposition of suspension, revocation, or 10 postponement under this act, the revocation, suspension, or 11 postponement imposed herein shall commence as of the date of 12 of the existing suspension, revocation, termination 13 postponement. 14

(cf: P.L.1993, c.296, s.2)**]**<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>[21.] <sup>3</sup>[17.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[18.<sup>3</sup>] 15.<sup>4</sup> Section 27 of P.L.1952, c.174 (C.39:6-87) is amended to read as follows:

27. Registration, etc. not restored until fund is reimbursed.

Where the license or privileges of any person, or the registration of a motor vehicle registered in [his] the person's name, has been suspended or cancelled under the Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law of this State, and the association has paid from the fund any amount in settlement of a claim or towards satisfaction of a judgment against that person, or for the payment of personal injury protection benefits as provided in section 7 and section 10 of this act, the cancellation or suspension shall not be removed, nor the license, privileges, or registration restored, nor shall any new license or privilege be issued or granted to, or registration be permitted to be made by, that person until [he] the person has:

- (a) Repaid in full to the association the amount [so] paid by [him] the person together with interest [thereon] at [8%] eight percent per annum from the date of [such] the payment; and
- (b) Satisfied all requirements of [said] the Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law in respect of giving proof of ability to respond in damages for future accidents, provided, that the court in which [such] the judgment was rendered may, upon 10 days' notice to the association, make an order permitting payment of the amount of [such] the person's indebtedness to the fund, to be made in installments, or in the event the fund makes personal injury protection benefit payments, [such] the person and the fund by agreement may provide for repayment to the fund to be made in installments, and in such case, [such] the person's driver's license, or [his] driving privileges, or registration certificate, if the same have been suspended or revoked, or have expired, may be restored or renewed and shall remain in effect unless and until [such] the person defaults in making any installment payment specified in

67 1 [such] the order. In the event of [any such] a default, the New 2 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission [shall] may upon notice of 3 [such] the default suspend [such] the person's driver's license, or 4 driving privileges or registration certificate until the amount of 5 [his] the person's indebtedness to the fund has been paid in full. 6 (cf: P.L.2003, c.89, s.32) 7 8 <sup>1</sup>[22. Section 15 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-15) is amended to 9 read as follows: 10 15. In any claim or action arising for benefits payable under a 11 standard automobile insurance policy under section 4 of P.L.1972, 12 c.70 (C.39:6A-4), any claim or action arising for medical expense 13 benefits payable under a basic automobile insurance policy under 14 section 4 of P.L.1998, c.21 (C.39:6A-3.1) or any claim or action 15 arising for benefits payable under a special automobile insurance policy pursuant to section 45 of P.L.2003, c.89 (C.39:6A-3.3) 16 17 wherein any person obtains or attempts to obtain from any other 18 person, insurance company or Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment 19 Fund any money or other thing of value by (1) falsely or fraudulently representing that [such] the person is entitled to 20 21 [such] the benefits; (2) falsely and fraudulently making statements 22 or presenting documentation in order to obtain or attempt to obtain 23 [such] the benefits; or (3) cooperates, conspires, or otherwise acts 24 in concert with any person seeking to falsely or fraudulently obtain, 25 or attempt to obtain, [such] the benefits may upon conviction be 26 fined not more than [\$5,000.00] \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both, or in the event the sum [so] 27 28 obtained or attempted to be obtained is not more than [\$500.00] 29 \$500, may upon conviction, be fined not more than [\$500.00] 30 \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, as a 31 disorderly person. 32 In addition to any penalties imposed by law, any person who is 33

either found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of P.L.1983 c.320 (C.17:33A-1 et seq.) pertaining to automobile insurance or been convicted of any violation of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes arising out of automobile insurance fraud shall not operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of one year from the date of judgment or conviction.

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In addition to any penalties imposed by law, Lany person who is either found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of P.L.1983 c.320 (C.17:33A-1 et seq.) pertaining to automobile insurance or been convicted of any violation of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes arising out of automobile insurance fraud shall not operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of one year from the date of judgment or conviction 1 the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone for up to one year the driver's license of any person who has violated any provision of P.L.1983 c.320 (C.17:33A-1 et seq.) pertaining to automobile insurance or been convicted of any violation of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes arising out of automobile insurance fraud. In deciding the duration of any suspension, revocation, or postponement of the person's driver's license, the court shall consider the circumstances of the offense and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>[<sup>3</sup>19.] <u>16.</u><sup>4</sup> Section 15 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-15) is amended to read as follows:

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wherein any person obtains or attempts to obtain from any other 1 2 person, insurance company or Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment 3 Fund any money or other thing of value by (1) falsely or fraudulently representing that [such] the person is entitled to 4 5 [such] the benefits; (2) falsely and fraudulently making statements 6 or presenting documentation in order to obtain or attempt to obtain 7 [such] the benefits; or (3) cooperates, conspires, or otherwise acts 8 in concert with any person seeking to falsely or fraudulently obtain, 9 or attempt to obtain, [such] the benefits may upon conviction be 10 fined not more than [\$5,000.00] \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both, or in the event the sum [so] 11 obtained or attempted to be obtained is not more than [\$500.00] 12 13 \$500, may upon conviction, be fined not more than [\$500.00] 14 \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, as a 15 disorderly person. 16

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## <sup>2</sup>[23.] <sup>3</sup>[18.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[20.<sup>3</sup>] 17.<sup>4</sup> Section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2) is amended to read as follows:

2. An owner or registrant of a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State who operates or causes to be operated a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway in this State without motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required by P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.), and an operator who operates or causes a motor vehicle to be operated and who knows or should know from the attendant circumstances that the motor vehicle is without motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required by P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.) shall be subject, for the first offense, to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 and a period of community service to be determined by the court. The court, in its discretion, also [shall] may suspend the person's right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of up to one year from the date of conviction; provided, however, the period of license suspension may be reduced or eliminated if the person provides the court with satisfactory proof of motor vehicle liability insurance at the time of the hearing. Upon subsequent conviction, the person shall be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term of

14 days and shall be ordered by the court to perform community service for a period of 30 days, which shall be of a form and on terms as the court shall deem appropriate under the circumstances, and [shall forfeit the person's right to operate a motor vehicle for a period of ] the court, in its discretion, may suspend the person's right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of up to two years from the date of the conviction [, and, after] . In deciding the duration of <sup>1</sup>[the] any <sup>1</sup> suspension of the person's right to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this section, the court shall consider the circumstances of the violation and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not <sup>1</sup>readily <sup>1</sup> available. After the expiration of the [forfeiture] suspension, the person may make application to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for a license to operate a motor vehicle, which application may be granted at the discretion of the chief administrator. The chief administrator's discretion shall be based upon an assessment of the likelihood that the individual will operate or cause a motor vehicle to be operated in the future without the insurance coverage required by this act. complaint for violation of this act may be made to a municipal court at any time within six months after the date of the alleged offense.

Failure to produce at the time of trial an insurance identification card or an insurance policy which was in force for the time of operation for which the offense is charged creates a rebuttable presumption that the person was uninsured when charged with a violation of this section.

(cf: P.L.2013, c.237, s.1)

## <sup>2</sup>[24.] <sup>3</sup>[19.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[21.<sup>3</sup>] 18.<sup>4</sup> Section 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) is amended to read as follows:

- 1. a. A municipality may enact an ordinance making it unlawful for any person under the legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private property. The ordinance shall provide that a violation shall be punished by a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense.
- b. The ordinance shall provide that the court may, in addition to the fine authorized for this offense, suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the defendant. Upon the conviction of any person and the suspension or postponement of that person's driver's license, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is

1 imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person 2 reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person, as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under such an ordinance is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement. (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

- c. (1) **[**No**]** An ordinance shall <u>not</u> prohibit an underaged person from consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony, or rite or consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian, or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
  - (2) As used in this section:

"Guardian" means a person who has qualified as a guardian of the underaged person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.

"Relative" means the underaged person's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling, or any other person related by blood or affinity.

d. **[**No**]** <u>An</u> ordinance shall <u>not</u> prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county vocational school or post secondary educational institution; however, no ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall be construed to preclude the imposition of a penalty under this section, R.S.33:1-81, or any other

section of law against a person who is convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

(cf: P.L.2003, c.33, s.1)

- <sup>2</sup>[25.] <sup>3</sup>[20.<sup>2</sup>] <sup>4</sup>[22.<sup>3</sup>] <u>19.<sup>4</sup></u> Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. a. Any owner or operator who knowingly violates the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) is guilty of a crime of the third degree.
- b. The provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3 to the contrary notwithstanding, any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) is subject to a fine of not less than [\$7,500.00] \$7,500 for a first offense, not more than [\$10,000.00] \$10,000 for a second offense and not more than [\$25,000.00] \$25,000 for a third and every subsequent offense. Each day during which the violation continues constitutes an additional, separate and distinct offense.
- c. If a person is convicted of a violation of the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1), the court shall, in addition to the penalties provided under this section, require the person to perform community service for a term of not more than 90 days [, and the person shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year ].
- d. All conveyances used or intended for use in the unlawful transportation of solid waste in violation of the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) are subject to forfeiture to the State pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.).
- 31 (cf: P.L.1991, c.214, s.2)

- ${}^{3}[{}^{2}[{}^{1}26.] \ \underline{21.}^{2}]$  R.S.39:3-40 is amended to read as follows:
- 39:3-40. **[**No**]** A person to whom a driver's license has been refused or whose driver's license or reciprocity privilege has been suspended or revoked, or who has been prohibited from obtaining a driver's license, shall <u>not</u> personally operate a motor vehicle during the period of refusal, suspension, revocation, or prohibition, except as provided in section 27 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- [No]  $\underline{A}$  person whose motor vehicle registration has been revoked shall <u>not</u> operate or permit the operation of [such] <u>the</u> motor vehicle during the period of [such] revocation.
- Except as provided in subsections i. and j. of this section, a person violating this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. Upon conviction for a first offense, a fine of **[**\$500.00**]** <u>\$500</u> and, if that offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);
- b. Upon conviction for a second offense, a fine of **[**\$750.00**]** \$750, imprisonment in the county jail for at least one but not more than five days and, if the second offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended and that second offense occurs within five years of a conviction for that same offense, revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);
- c. Upon conviction for a third offense or subsequent offense, a fine of **[**\$1,000.00**]** \$1,000 and imprisonment in the county jail for 10 days. If the third or a subsequent offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended and the third or subsequent offense occurs within five years of a conviction for the same offense, revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);
- d. Upon conviction, the court shall impose or extend a period of suspension not to exceed six months;
- e. Upon conviction, the court shall impose a period of imprisonment for not less than 45 days or more than 180 days, if while operating a vehicle in violation of this section a person is involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to another person;
- f. (1) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section, any person violating this section while under suspension issued pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2), upon conviction, shall be fined [\$500.00] \$500, shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year nor more than two years, and may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 90 days.
- (2) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section and paragraph (1) of this subsection, any person violating this section under suspension issued pursuant to R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) or P.L.1982, c.85 (C.39:5-30a et seq.), shall be fined \$500, shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year or more than two years, and shall be

imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 10 days or more than 90 days.

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- (3) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section and paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a person shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year or more than two years, which period shall commence upon the completion of any prison sentence imposed upon that person, shall be fined \$500 and shall be imprisoned for a period of 60 to 90 days for a first offense, imprisoned for a period of 120 to 150 days for a second offense, and imprisoned for 180 days for a third or subsequent offense, for operating a motor vehicle while in violation of paragraph (2) of this subsection while:
- (a) on any school property used for school purposes which is owned by or leased to any elementary or secondary school or school board, or within 1,000 feet of such school property;
- (b) driving through a school crossing as defined in R.S.39:1-1 if the municipality, by ordinance or resolution, has designated the school crossing as such; or
- (c) driving through a school crossing as defined in R.S.39:1-1 knowing that juveniles are present if the municipality has not designated the school crossing as such by ordinance or resolution.

A map or true copy of a map depicting the location and boundaries of the area on or within 1,000 feet of any property used for school purposes which is owned by or leased to any elementary or secondary school or school board produced pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987, c.101 (C.2C:35-7) may be used in a prosecution under subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.

It shall not be relevant to the imposition of sentence pursuant to subparagraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph that the defendant was unaware that the prohibited conduct took place while on or within 1,000 feet of any school property or while driving through a school crossing. Nor shall it be relevant to the imposition of sentence that no juveniles were present on the school property or crossing zone at the time of the offense or that the school was not in session;

- g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2009, c.224);
- h. A person who owns or leases a motor vehicle and permits another to operate the motor vehicle commits a violation and is subject to suspension of his license to operate a motor vehicle and to revocation of registration pursuant to sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5) if the person:
- (1) Knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a); or
- (2) Knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege to operate a motor vehicle is suspended and that the operator has been

convicted, within the past five years, of operating a vehicle while the person's license was suspended or revoked.

In any case where a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege of the person he permits to operate the motor vehicle is suspended or revoked for any violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), the person also shall be subject to the following penalties: for a first or second offense, a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both; and for a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, and forfeiture of the right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of 90 days;

- i. If the violator's driver's license to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) or for failure to comply with a time payment order, the violator shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$100 upon proof that the violator has paid all fines and other assessments related to the parking violation that were the subject of the Order of Suspension, or if the violator makes sufficient payments to become current with respect to payment obligations under the time payment order;
- j. If a person is convicted for a second or subsequent violation of this section and the second or subsequent offense involves a motor vehicle moving violation, the term of imprisonment for the second or subsequent offense shall be 10 days longer than the term of imprisonment imposed for the previous offense.

For the purposes of this subsection, a "motor vehicle moving violation" means any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State for which motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief administrator pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5).

(cf: P.L.2009, c.332, s.1)]<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>[<sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>27.] 22.<sup>2</sup> (New section) a. A person whose driver's license is suspended, revoked, or postponed for any of the following offenses may apply to the chief administrator for a restricted use driver's license endorsement:

- (1) section 50 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-41);
- 37 (2) section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10); and
- 38 (3) section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2).
  - b. The chief administrator shall issue, in a form and manner prescribed by the chief administrator, an application for an endorsement to a person whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked for any of the offenses set forth in subsection a. of this section.
  - c. The endorsement shall be issued as promptly as is practicable in accordance with procedures established by the chief administrator.
  - d. The chief administrator may impose a fee of not more than \$25 for the endorsement.

- e. An endorsement shall expire when the person's driver's license
   is restored following the period of suspension or revocation.
  - f. Provided the applicant meets the requirements set forth in this section, an endorsement shall be issued only to a person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked after or within 10 years prior to the effective date of this act.
  - g. For the purposes of this section, "restricted use driver's license endorsement" or "endorsement" means an endorsement to a basic driver's license issued to a person whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked which authorizes the person to operate a motor vehicle exclusively between the person's residence and the person's place of employment, an accredited educational institution, a mandated treatment program, a health care facility, or a child care facility; or in the person's course of employment when operating a motor vehicle is necessary in order to perform the duties of the person's primary employment.
  - h. The chief administrator may promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) in order to effectuate the purposes of this act. <sup>1</sup>]<sup>3</sup>

- <sup>3</sup>[<sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>28.] 23.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:3-11, the following penalties shall apply with regard to a restricted use driver's license endorsement:
- a. The suspension or revocation of the driver's license of an applicant for an endorsement shall be extended for one year if the applicant deliberately falsifies an application for the endorsement.
- b. A driver who operates a motor vehicle between points other than as authorized by the endorsement shall immediately forfeit the endorsement and be subject to the following penalties:
- (1) a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional one year driver's license suspension or revocation;
- (2) if the driver is convicted of causing an accident resulting in personal injury or death to another person, a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional two years driver's license suspension or revocation; and
- 38 (3) if the driver is convicted of a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional five years driver's license suspension or revocation.
- c. The penalties in this section shall be in addition to any other penalties required by law for a violation of this State's motor vehicle laws. 133

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1	<sup>1</sup> [26.] <sup>2</sup> [29. <sup>1</sup> ] <sup>3</sup> [24. <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>4</sup> [23. <sup>3</sup> ] 20. <sup>4</sup> The following sections are
2	repealed:
3	<sup>4</sup> a. <sup>4</sup> N.J.S.2B:12-31;
4	section 6 of P.L.1995, c.251 (C.2A:4A-43.3);
5	section 2 of P.L.1999, c.195 (C.2C:33-3.1); and
6	section 2 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.2) 4; and
7	b. N.J.S.2C:35-16 <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> and section 2 of P.L.1993, c.296 (C.39:5-
8	30.13 <sup>5</sup> .
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10	<sup>1</sup> [27] <sup>2</sup> [30 <sup>1</sup> ] <sup>3</sup> [25. <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>4</sup> [24. <sup>3</sup> This] 21. Section <sup>5</sup> [11] 12 <sup>5</sup> and
11	subsection b. of section 20 of this act shall take effect upon the
12	adoption by both houses of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98
13	and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 248 and submission of
14	the certification of the Governor to the United States Secretary of
15	Transportation stating that: (1) the Governor is opposed to the
16	enactment or enforcement of a law requiring driver's license
17	suspension for drug offenses as set forth in 23 U.S.C.
18	s.159(a)(3)(A); and (2) both Houses of the Legislature have adopted
19	a resolution expressing their opposition to the enactment or
20	enforcement of this federal mandate in accordance with 23 U.S.C.
21	s.159, and the remainder of this <sup>4</sup> act shall take effect on the first day
22	of the <sup>1</sup> [fourth] 13th month next following enactment <sup>1</sup> , but the
23	chief administrator may take any anticipatory acts in advance of
24	that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this
25	$\underline{\operatorname{act}}^{1}$ .
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30	Concerns driver's license suspension for certain crimes and
31	offenses.

## SENATE, No. 1080

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 2018

Sponsored by: Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

## **SYNOPSIS**

Establishes restricted use driver's license endorsement for certain motor vehicle offenders with suspended license.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a restricted use driver's license endorsement, 2 amending R.S.39:3-40, and supplementing Title 39 of the 3 Revised Statutes.

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

- 1. R.S.39:3-40 is amended to read as follows:
- 39:3-40. **[**No**]** A person to whom a driver's license has been refused or whose driver's license or reciprocity privilege has been suspended or revoked, or who has been prohibited from obtaining a driver's license, shall <u>not</u> personally operate a motor vehicle during the period of refusal, suspension, revocation, or prohibition, except as provided in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
  - [No] A person whose motor vehicle registration has been revoked shall <u>not</u> operate or permit the operation of [such] <u>the</u> motor vehicle during the period of [such] revocation.

Except as provided in subsections i. and j. of this section, a person violating this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. Upon conviction for a first offense, a fine of [\$500.00] \$500 and, if that offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);
- b. Upon conviction for a second offense, a fine of **[**\$750.00**]** \$750, imprisonment in the county jail for at least one but not more than five days and, if the second offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended and that second offense occurs within five years of a conviction for that same offense, revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);
- c. Upon conviction for a third offense or subsequent offense, a fine of [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 and imprisonment in the county jail for 10 days. If the third or a subsequent offense involves the operation of a motor vehicle during a period when the violator's driver's license is suspended and the third or subsequent offense occurs within five years of a conviction for the same offense, revocation of the violator's motor vehicle registration privilege in accordance

with the provisions of sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5);

- d. Upon conviction, the court shall impose or extend a period of suspension not to exceed six months;
- e. Upon conviction, the court shall impose a period of imprisonment for not less than 45 days or more than 180 days, if while operating a vehicle in violation of this section a person is involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to another person;
- f. (1) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section, any person violating this section while under suspension issued pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2), upon conviction, shall be fined [\$500.00] \$500, shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year nor more than two years, and may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 90 days.
- (2) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section and paragraph (1) of this subsection, any person violating this section under suspension issued pursuant to R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) or P.L.1982, c.85 (C.39:5-30a et seq.), shall be fined \$500, shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year or more than two years, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 10 days or more than 90 days.
- (3) In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section and paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a person shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for an additional period of not less than one year or more than two years, which period shall commence upon the completion of any prison sentence imposed upon that person, shall be fined \$500 and shall be imprisoned for a period of 60 to 90 days for a first offense, imprisoned for a period of 120 to 150 days for a second offense, and imprisoned for 180 days for a third or subsequent offense, for operating a motor vehicle while in violation of paragraph (2) of this subsection while:
- (a) on any school property used for school purposes which is owned by or leased to any elementary or secondary school or school board, or within 1,000 feet of such school property;
- (b) driving through a school crossing as defined in R.S.39:1-1 if the municipality, by ordinance or resolution, has designated the school crossing as such; or
- (c) driving through a school crossing as defined in R.S.39:1-1 knowing that juveniles are present if the municipality has not designated the school crossing as such by ordinance or resolution.

A map or true copy of a map depicting the location and boundaries of the area on or within 1,000 feet of any property used for school purposes which is owned by or leased to any elementary or secondary school or school board produced pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987, c.101 (C.2C:35-7) may be used in a prosecution under subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.

It shall not be relevant to the imposition of sentence pursuant to subparagraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph that the defendant was unaware that the prohibited conduct took place while on or within 1,000 feet of any school property or while driving through a school crossing. Nor shall it be relevant to the imposition of sentence that no juveniles were present on the school property or crossing zone at the time of the offense or that the school was not in session;

g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2009, c.224);

- h. A person who owns or leases a motor vehicle and permits another to operate the motor vehicle commits a violation and is subject to suspension of his license to operate a motor vehicle and to revocation of registration pursuant to sections 2 through 6 of P.L.1995, c.286 (C.39:3-40.1 through C.39:3-40.5) if the person:
- (1) Knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a); or
- (2) Knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege to operate a motor vehicle is suspended and that the operator has been convicted, within the past five years, of operating a vehicle while the person's license was suspended or revoked.

In any case where a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle knows that the operator's license or reciprocity privilege of the person he permits to operate the motor vehicle is suspended or revoked for any violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), the person also shall be subject to the following penalties: for a first or second offense, a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both; and for a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, and forfeiture of the right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of 90 days;

- i. If the violator's driver's license to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) or for failure to comply with a time payment order, the violator shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$100 upon proof that the violator has paid all fines and other assessments related to the parking violation that were the subject of the Order of Suspension, or if the violator makes sufficient payments to become current with respect to payment obligations under the time payment order;
- j. If a person is convicted for a second or subsequent violation of this section and the second or subsequent offense involves a motor vehicle moving violation, the term of imprisonment for the second or subsequent offense shall be 10 days longer than the term of imprisonment imposed for the previous offense.

For the purposes of this subsection, a "motor vehicle moving violation" means any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this

1 State for which motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief 2 administrator pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5). 3 (cf: P.L.2009, c.332, s.1)

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2. (New section) As used in this act:

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

"Restricted use driver's license endorsement" or "endorsement" means an endorsement to a basic driver's license issued to a person whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked which authorizes the person to operate a motor vehicle exclusively between the person's residence and the person's place of employment; in the person's course of employment when operating a motor vehicle is necessary in order to perform the duties of the person's primary employment; an accredited educational institution; a mandated treatment program; a health care facility; or a child care facility.

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- 3. (New section) a. A person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked under any of the following circumstances may apply to the chief administrator for a restricted use driver's license endorsement:
- (1) failure to pay a surcharge levied by the chief administrator pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-35) if the person also agrees to a payment plan approved by the chief administrator, except that a person who failed to pay a surcharge levied for a conviction pursuant to R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) shall not be eligible for an endorsement;
- (2) accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.8) if the person attends a Driver Improvement Program offered by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; or
- (3) failure to pay any other surcharge administratively levied by the chief administrator for a violation of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes if the person also agrees to a payment plan approved by the chief administrator.
  - b. The chief administrator shall issue, in a form and manner prescribed by the chief administrator, an application for an endorsement to a person whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked for any of the offenses set forth in subsection a. of this section.
- 42 c. The endorsement shall be issued as promptly as is 43 practicable in accordance with procedures established by the chief 44 administrator.
- d. The chief administrator may impose a fee of not more than 46 \$25 for the endorsement.
- 47 An endorsement shall expire when the person's driver's 48 license is restored following the period of suspension or revocation.

- f. Provided the applicant meets the requirements set forth in this section, an endorsement shall only be issued to a person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked after or within 10 years prior to the effective date of this act.
  - g. The chief administrator may promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) in order to effectuate the purposes of this act.

- 4. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:3-11, the following penalties shall apply with regard to a restricted use driver's license endorsement:
- a. The suspension or revocation of the driver's license of an applicant for an endorsement shall be extended for one year if the applicant deliberately falsifies an application for the endorsement.
- b. A driver who operates a motor vehicle between points other than as authorized by the endorsement shall immediately forfeit the endorsement and be subject to the following penalties:
- (1) a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional one year driver's license suspension or revocation;
- (2) if the driver is convicted of causing an accident resulting in personal injury or death to another person, a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional two years driver's license suspension or revocation; and
- (3) if the driver is convicted of a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, and an additional five years driver's license suspension or revocation.
- c. The penalties in this section shall be in addition to any other penalties required by law for a violation of this State's motor vehicle laws.

5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 13th month next following enactment, but the chief administrator may take any anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill establishes a restricted use driver's license endorsement to a basic driver's license for drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay certain motor vehicle surcharges or an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points.

The bill authorizes a driver with a restricted use driver's license endorsement to operate a motor vehicle exclusively between the driver's residence and place of employment, as well as during the person's employment if necessary to perform his or her duties; an accredited educational institution; a mandated treatment program; a health care facility; or a child care facility.

Drivers may apply for the endorsement if their driver's licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay motor vehicle surcharges and they agree to a payment plan approved by the chief administrator, or for an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points, but only if they attend a driver improvement program. A person who has been convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer test or has been assessed surcharges resulting from those convictions would not be eligible for an endorsement under the bill.

The bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to develop and issue an application for the restricted use driver's license endorsement and to promptly issue the endorsement to applicants. If an applicant for an endorsement provides false information on the application, the applicant's driver's license is to be suspended or revoked for an additional year. The chief administrator may charge a fee of up to \$25 for the endorsement. The endorsement is to expire when the person's driver's license is restored following the period of suspension or revocation.

The bill also establishes penalties for operating a motor vehicle between points other than those authorized by the endorsement. The endorsement is to be immediately forfeited and the driver is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000; community service for a period of 30 days; and an additional one year driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is convicted of causing an accident resulting in personal injury or death to another person while driving between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000; community service for a period of 30 days; and an additional two years driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer while operating a motor vehicle between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and an additional five years driver's license suspension or revocation.

Under the bill, a person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked after or within 10 years of the effective date of the bill would be eligible for an endorsement, provided the person meets the requirements set forth in the bill.

## ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

## [First Reprint]

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 1080

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (1R).

As amended and reported by the committee, the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (1R) eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for certain crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle. The committee substitute also grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses.

The committee substitute eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for convictions of the following crimes and offenses:

-underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on private property and underage purchase of alcoholic beverages (six months);

-certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);

-crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause (suspension until past payments are made);

- -underage gambling (six months);
- -illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);
- -failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an installment payment plan is established);
- -simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle (six months);
  - -abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);

-failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);

-an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);

-initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months);

-failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense; and

-failure to pay motor vehicle liability insurance premiums.

Under the committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-carjacking by a juvenile (up to two years);

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses);

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid);

-illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance, other than simple possession, in a motor vehicle (six months); and

-failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied).

The committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The committee substitute limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law. The committee substitute eliminates the provision under current law that a person's driver's license is to be suspended by operation of law for offenses involving simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to N.J.S.A.2C:35-10.

Additionally, the committee substitute removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The substitute further authorizes a restricted use driver's license endorsement for drivers who have lost their driving privileges for failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failing to pay a parking judgment.

A restricted use driver's license endorsement, as established by the substitute, authorizes the person whose license is suspended to operate a motor vehicle during the suspension period exclusively between the person's residence and the person's place of employment, an accredited educational institution, a mandated treatment program, a health care facility, or a child care facility; or in the person's course of employment when operating a motor vehicle is necessary in order to perform the duties of the person's primary employment.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (1R) is identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191 which also was reported by the committee on this date.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee amended Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No.1080 (1R) to:

- 1) reinstate driver's license suspensions by removing the following sections from the bill:
  - a. section 1, concerning disposition of delinquency cases;
  - b. section 5, concerning possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under legal age;
  - c. section 6, concerning prostitution and related offenses; and
  - d. section 22, concerning penalties for false and fraudulent representation to obtain automobile insurance benefits.
- 2) eliminate the Motor Vehicle Commission's authority to suspend a person's driver's license for failure to pay insurance premiums;
- 3) provide that mandatory driver's license suspensions for illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle is to be imposed only in cases which do not involve simple possession (six months); and
- 4) eliminate the provision under current law that a person's driver's license is to be suspended by operation of law for offenses involving simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to N.J.S.A.2C:35-10.

## ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 1080

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1080 (SCS/2R), with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (2R) eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle. The amended committee substitute also grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses.

The amended committee substitute eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for convictions of the following crimes and offenses:

-underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on private property and underage purchase of alcoholic beverages (six months);

-certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);

-underage gambling (six months);

-illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);

-failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an installment payment plan is established);

-abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);

-failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);

-an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);

-initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months);

-failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense; and

-failure to pay motor vehicle liability insurance premiums.

Under the amended committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-use of a motor vehicle by a juvenile the course of committing a crime;

-crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause (suspension until past payments are made);

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses)

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid);

-illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance, other than simple possession, in a motor vehicle (six months); and

-failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied).

The amended committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The committee substitute limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law. The amended committee substitute also eliminates the provision under current law that a person's driver's license is to be suspended by operation of law for offenses involving simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to N.J.S.2C:35-10.

Additionally, the committee substitute removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The amended committee substitute also limits driver's license suspensions for automobile insurance fraud if the fraud is related to a claim for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

As reported by the committee, the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (2R) is identical to the Assembly Committee

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

## **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee amended the Senate committee substitute to:

- (1) require the court, prior to suspending the driver's license of a juvenile for an offense in which the juvenile used a motor vehicle in the course of committing the offense, to consider the circumstances of the act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent;
- (2) make license suspensions discretionary for crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause;
- (3) limit driver's license suspensions for automobile insurance fraud to fraudulent activity based on a claim for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident;
- (4) eliminate the provisions of the substitute bill which authorize a restricted use driver's license endorsement for certain drivers; and
  - (5) make technical changes to the bill.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that the bill will potentially decrease the following revenues by indeterminate amounts: a) annual Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) administrative fee collections; and b) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. The OLS anticipates an indeterminate expenditure decrease in annual MVC and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administrative expenses. Further, the OLS anticipates an indeterminate annual Superior and municipal court expenditure increase.

The OLS does not have access to detailed information related to the number of driver's license suspensions that may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, the OLS estimates there will be a reduction in the overall number of driver's license suspensions and thus a reduction in corresponding State, county, and municipal revenues. According to recent MVC reports, there were there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020.

The OLS recognizes that driver's license suspensions may be deterrents to committing certain crimes or offenses and incentivizes motorists to pay certain fees or fines. The OLS estimates that the elimination of the deterrent may result in decreased State, county, and municipal revenues, other than revenue from driver's license suspensions; however, it is uncertain to what extent.

## SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

## **SENATE, No. 1080**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2018

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1080.

As reported by the committee, this bill establishes a restricted use driver's license endorsement to a basic driver's license for drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay certain motor vehicle surcharges or an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points.

The bill authorizes a driver with a restricted use driver's license endorsement to operate a motor vehicle exclusively between the driver's residence and place of employment, as well as during the person's employment if necessary to perform his or her duties; an accredited educational institution; a mandated treatment program; a health care facility; or a child care facility.

Drivers may apply for the endorsement if their driver's licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay motor vehicle surcharges and they agree to a payment plan approved by the chief administrator, or for an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points, but only if they attend a driver improvement program. A person who has been convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer test or has been assessed surcharges resulting from those convictions would not be eligible for an endorsement under the bill.

The bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to develop and issue an application for the restricted use driver's license endorsement and to promptly issue the endorsement to applicants. If an applicant for an endorsement provides false information on the application, the applicant's driver's license is to be suspended or revoked for an additional year. The chief administrator may charge a fee of up to \$25 for the endorsement. The endorsement is to expire when the person's driver's license is restored following the period of suspension or revocation.

The bill also establishes penalties for operating a motor vehicle between points other than those authorized by the endorsement. The endorsement is to be immediately forfeited and the driver is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000; community service for a period of 30 days; and an additional one-year driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is

convicted of causing an accident resulting in personal injury or death to another person while driving between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000; community service for a period of 30 days; and an additional two-year driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer while operating a motor vehicle between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and an additional five-year driver's license suspension or revocation.

Under the bill, a person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked after or within 10 years of the effective date of the bill would be eligible for an endorsement, provided the person meets the requirements set forth in the bill.

## SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 1080

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080.

This Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle. The committee substitute also grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses. The committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs to six months and removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant.

The committee substitute eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for convictions of the following crimes and offenses:

- -any offense in which an adult or juvenile used a motor vehicle in the course of committing the offense (up to two years);
- -underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public or private property and underage purchase of alcoholic beverages (six months);
  - -using a motor vehicle for prostitution (six months);
- -certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);
- -crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause (suspension until past payments are made);
  - -underage gambling (six months);
- -operating a vessel (boat) while intoxicated (three months to 10 years based on the number of offenses);
- -illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);
- -failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an installment payment plan is established);

- -illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle (two years);
  - -abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);
- -failure to respond to a failure to appear notice or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied);
  - -automobile insurance fraud (two years);
- -failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);
- -an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);
- -initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months); and
- -failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense.

Under the committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-carjacking by a juvenile (up to two years); the court is to consider the circumstances of the offense and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated;

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses); in deciding the duration of the suspension, the court is to consider the circumstances of the offense and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available;

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-failure to surrender registration and plates after cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance;

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid); and

-failure to have compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance (two years); in deciding the length of the suspension, the court is to consider the circumstances of the violation and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available.

The committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The committee

substitute limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law.

Finally, the committee substitute removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

According to the sponsor, driver's licenses should not be suspended for an offense unrelated to the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. The reentry efforts of ex-offenders are impeded by the loss of a driver's license imposed as a collateral consequence due to the resulting difficulty in remaining employed, attending school, and obtaining necessary drug and alcohol treatment. Efforts by those attempting to pay back child support arrearages also are thwarted when their driver's licenses are suspended. Driver's license suspension not only harms the ex-offender and child support obligor, but also his or her family, and the community.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Office of Legislative Services determines that the committee substitute potentially will decrease revenues by indeterminate amounts: a) annual MVC administrative fee collections; and b) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. Further, the OLS anticipates an indeterminate expenditure decrease in annual Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administrative expenses.

The OLS does not have access to detailed information on the number of driver's license suspensions which may be affected by the provisions of this committee substitute; however, the OLS estimates there will be a reduction in the overall number of driver's license suspensions and thus a reduction in correlating State, county, and municipal revenues. According to recent MVC reports, there were 714,584 license suspension orders issued in 2016, 651,015 suspension orders issued in 2014, and 708,828 suspension orders issued in 2013.

The OLS recognizes that driver's license suspensions may be a deterrent to committing certain crimes or offenses and incentivizes motorists to pay certain fees or fines. The OLS estimates that the elimination of the deterrent may result in decreased in State, county, and municipal revenues other than revenue from driver's license suspensions; however, it is uncertain to what extent.

## STATEMENT TO

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 1080

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed by Senator TURNER)

ADOPTED: MARCH 14, 2019

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The Senate Committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for certain crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle.

These Senate amendments to the Senate committee substitute reinstitute a driver's license suspension as a penalty for the following offenses, but give the court or the chief administrator, as applicable, discretion in imposing the suspension:

- 1) any offense in which an adult or juvenile used a motor vehicle in the course of committing the offense (up to two years);
  - 2) using a motor vehicle for prostitution (six months);
- 3) illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle (six months);
- 4) failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied); and
  - 5) automobile insurance fraud (one year).

In deciding whether to suspend the person's driver's license and the duration of the suspension, the amendments require the court or the chief administrator to consider the circumstances of the offense and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not readily available.

The Senate amendments further authorize a restricted use driver's license endorsement for drivers who have lost their driving privileges for committing the following offenses:

- 1) operating a motor vehicle without compulsory liability insurance;
- 2) cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance for nonpayment of the premium; and
- 3) failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failing to pay a parking judgment.

A restricted use driver's license endorsement, as established by the amendments, authorizes the person whose license is suspended to operate a motor vehicle during the suspension period exclusively between the person's residence and the person's place of employment, an accredited educational institution, a mandated treatment program, a health care facility, or a child care facility; or in the person's course of employment when operating a motor vehicle is necessary in order to

- 40 perform the duties of the person's primary employment.
- The Senate amendments also make clarifying and technical
- 42 amendments.

## STATEMENT TO

## [Third Reprint]

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 1080**

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed by Assemblyman KENNEDY)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 25, 2019

The Senate Committee Substitute (3R) for Senate Bill No. 1080 concerns driver's license suspensions for certain crimes and offenses.

These Assembly amendments eliminate the driver's license suspension required under current law for certain criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court, as well as mandatory driver's license suspensions for the illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. The amendments also remove the provisions of the bill which eliminate driver's license suspensions related to motor vehicle surcharges and non-payment of insurance premiums.

Federal law requires a six-month suspension to be imposed for drug offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. Current State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, and two years for illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. The Assembly amendments eliminate the driver's license suspension for both of these categories of drug offenses.

In order to avoid a conflict with federal law, the Assembly amendments provide that the provisions of the bill which eliminate driver's license suspensions for drug offenses are effective upon the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98 and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 248, and submission of the certification of the Governor to the United States Secretary of Transportation stating that: (1) the Governor is opposed to the enactment or enforcement of a law requiring driver's license suspension for drug offenses as set forth in 23 U.S.C. s.159(a)(3)(A); and (2) both Houses of the Legislature have adopted a resolution expressing their opposition to the enactment or enforcement of this federal mandate in accordance with 23 U.S.C. s.159.

In addition, the Assembly amendments reinstate current law, which provides for a driver's license suspension if a driver fails to pay a motor vehicle surcharge imposed for the accumulation of six or more motor vehicle points during the preceding 36-month period, a conviction for unsafe driving, or a conviction for driving while intoxicated. The suspended driver's license would not be restored until

at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment resulting in a suspension has been paid, or installment payments established by the Motor Vehicle Commission are paid.

The Assembly amendments also reinstate current law which provides that a person's driver's license is to be suspended upon cancellation of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy based on non-payment of the premium.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE SENATE, No. 1080 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

## **SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Establishes restricted use of driver's license endorsement for certain

motor vehicle offenders with suspended license.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate State Expenditure Increase.

Indeterminate State, County, and Municipal Revenue Increase.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Transportation; Motor Vehicle Commission; Counties

and Municipalities.

## Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	
<b>Local Revenue Increases</b>		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that the bill will potentially increase by indeterminate amounts: a) annual Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) administrative expenses; b) annual MVC administrative fee collections; and c) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections.
- The OLS does not have access to detailed information on the number of drivers who would qualify for the special endorsement or the cost to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to implement the provisions of this bill. According to recent MVC reports, there were 714,584 suspension orders issued in 2016, 651,015 suspension orders issued in 2014, and 708,828 suspension orders issued in 2013. It is unknown how many of these orders may be DUI/DWI related and would not be eligible for this endorsement.

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill establishes a restricted use driver's license endorsement to a basic driver's license for drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay certain motor vehicle surcharges or an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points.



The bill authorizes a driver with a restricted use driver's license endorsement to operate a motor vehicle exclusively between the driver's residence and place of employment, as well during the person's employment if necessary to perform his or her duties; an accredited educational institution; a mandated treatment program; a health care facility; or a child care facility.

Drivers may apply for the endorsement if their driver's licenses have been suspended or revoked for failure to pay motor vehicle surcharges and they agree to a payment plan approved by the chief administrator, or for an accumulation of motor vehicle penalty points, but only if they attend a driver improvement program. The bill provides that a person who has been convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer test has been assessed surcharges resulting from those convictions would not be eligible for an endorsement.

The bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to develop and issue an application for the restricted use driver's license endorsement and to promptly issue the endorsement to applicants. If an applicant for an endorsement provides false information on the application, the applicant's driver's license is to be suspended or revoked for an additional year. The chief administrator may charge a fee of up to \$25 for the endorsement. The endorsement is to expire when the person's driver's license is restored following the period of suspension or revocation.

The bill also establishes penalties for operating a motor vehicle between points other than those authorized by the endorsement. The endorsement is to be immediately forfeited and the driver is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional one year driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is convicted of causing an accident resulting in personal injury or death to another person while driving between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000, community service for a period of 30 days, and an additional two year driver's license suspension or revocation. A driver who is convicted of drunk driving or refusing to take a breathalyzer while operating a motor vehicle between unauthorized points is subject to a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and an additional five years driver's license suspension or revocation.

Under the bill, a person whose driver's license is suspended or revoked after or within 10 years of the effective date of the bill would be eligible for an endorsement.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

#### OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS determines that the bill will potentially increase by indeterminate amounts: a) annual MVC administrative expenses; b) annual MVC administrative fee collections; and c) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. No additional fee or fine revenue will be collected during FY 2019, as the bill takes effect on the first day of the thirteenth month next following enactment. The MVC, however, may incur additional administrative expenses before then, as the bill authorizes the commission to prepare for the launch of the new restricted use driver's license endorsement program.

<u>State Cost Increase:</u> The establishment and operation of a restricted use driver's license endorsement program will add to the MVC's annual administrative workload. The OLS, however, does not have pertinent information to determine the scale of the increase and whether or not the MVC will be able to absorb it within its existing resources.

<u>State Revenue Increase:</u> The bill creates two new potential State revenue streams: a) possible MVC administrative fee collections from an optional fee of up to \$25 per restricted use driver's license endorsement that the MVC may charge; and b) State General Fund collections from fines the bill establishes for violations of restricted use driver's license endorsement conditions.

The OLS cannot quantify the revenue amount the MVC may collect from charging a fee up to \$25 per restricted use driver's license endorsement. It is unclear whether or not the MVC will use the bill's authority to charge a fee, and, if so, at what amount.

In addition, the number of restricted use driver's license endorsements is uncertain. According to recent MVC reports, there were 846,554 suspension orders issued in FY 2016 though the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. There were 714,584 suspension orders issued in 2016, 651,015 suspension orders issued in 2014, and 708,828 suspension orders issued in 2013. The 2015 number of suspension orders is not provided in the 2015 annual MVC reports. The MVC cited Actuals from the BB104 Annual Document as the source for this information. It is unknown how many of these orders may be DUI/DWI related and would not be eligible for this endorsement. Data on license revocations is not reported on the MVC's website.

The State will also receive annual revenue from State-issued summons that result in fines for violations of restricted use driver's license endorsement conditions. The OLS cannot quantify annual State fine collections, as the amounts will depend on the number, circumstances, and types of violations that are subject to State-issued summons as well as the State's ability to collect these outstanding liabilities.

<u>Local Revenue Increase</u>: The bill will increase annual municipal and county revenue collections from municipality- and county-issued summons that will result in fines for violations of restricted use driver's license endorsement conditions. Revenue from county- and municipality-issued summonses is divided evenly between the county and municipality in which the violation occurred. The OLS cannot quantify annual municipal and county fine collections, as the amounts will depend on the number, circumstances, and types of violations that are subject to municipality- and county-issued summons as well as the ability of municipalities and counties to collect these outstanding liabilities.

<u>Local Cost Impact</u>: The OLS assumes that the bill will not raise municipal court operating expenditures. Since the bill's penalties are likely to be administered only when the operator of a motor vehicle commits a separate motor vehicle offense, it is reasonable to assume that there will not be any court costs to administer the bill's fines because the motor vehicle operator would already be facing a summons for the separate offense.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Third Reprint]

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 1080

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 26, 2019

## **SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Concerns driver's license suspension for certain crimes and

offenses.

Type of Impact: Annual State Expenditure Decrease; Annual Superior and Municipal

Court Expenditure Increase; Annual State, County, and Municipal

Revenue Decrease.

Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation; Motor Vehicle Commission;

Administrative Office of the Courts; Counties and Municipalities.

## Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 2 and Thereafter
State Expenditure Decrease	Indeterminate
Superior and Municipal Court Expenditure	
Increase	Indeterminate
State, County, Municipal Revenue Decrease	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that the bill will potentially decrease the following revenues by indeterminate amounts: a) annual Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) administrative fee collections; and b) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. The OLS anticipates an indeterminate expenditure decrease in annual MVC and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administrative expenses. Further, the OLS anticipates an indeterminate annual Superior and municipal court expenditure increase.
- The OLS does not have access to detailed information related to the number of driver's license suspensions that may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, the OLS estimates there will be a reduction in the overall number of driver's license suspensions and thus a reduction in corresponding State, county, and municipal revenues. According to recent MVC reports, there were there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal



Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020.

The OLS recognizes that driver's license suspensions may be deterrents to committing certain
crimes or offenses and incentivizes motorists to pay certain fees or fines. The OLS estimates
that the elimination of the deterrent may result in decreased State, county, and municipal
revenues, other than revenue from driver's license suspensions; however, it is uncertain to what
extent.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This legislation eliminates certain mandatory driver's license suspensions as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle and grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed.

The legislation limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, except for simple possession, to six months and eliminates suspension for simple possession. The bill removes the provision that require a person's driver's license to be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The legislation further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. Current State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The legislation limits the suspension to six months, except for simple possession which would not result in a suspension.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

None received.

## OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services determines that the legislation potentially will decrease revenues from the following by indeterminate amounts: a) annual MVC administrative fee collections; and b) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. The OLS anticipates an indeterminate expenditure decrease in annual MVC and AOC administrative expenses. Further, the OLS anticipates an indeterminate annual Superior and municipal court expenditure increase.

According to recent MVC reports, there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020. The MVC

BB104 Annual Document provided in response to FY 2020 OLS Discussion Points is the source for this information.

State Expenditure Decrease: The OLS does not have access to detailed information on the number of driver's license suspensions which may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, a decrease in certain driver's license suspensions may decrease the MVC's and AOC's annual administrative workload. The OLS, however, does not have pertinent information to determine the scale of the decrease or details of how the MVC's and AOC's existing resources will be affected.

<u>Superior and Municipal Court Expenditure Increase:</u> As the legislation grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain crimes and offenses rather than a mandatory driver's license suspension, the OLS estimates there may be an annual administrative workload increase. The OLS does not have information to determine the degree to which the workload would be increased and whether or not the Superior and municipal courts will be able to absorb the additional workload within their resources.

State, County, and Municipal Revenue Decrease: The legislation will result in fewer summonses that would result in fewer fees for suspended licenses and fines for violations of driving on a suspended license. Accordingly, the legislation will potentially decrease annual State, county, and municipal revenue collections. Revenue from summonses is divided evenly between the State, county, and municipality in which the violation occurred. The OLS cannot quantify annual State, county, and municipal fees and fine collection, as the amounts will depend on the number, circumstances, and types of violations that are subject to summonses as well as the ability of the State, counties, and municipalities to collect these outstanding liabilities.

The MVC currently requires payment of a \$100 fee for the restoration of any license or registration that has been suspended or revoked pursuant to any law or regulation. As the bill would eliminate or reduce the need for license restorations the OLS estimates there will be a decrease in MVC revenue from the restoration fees. Although the OLS estimates a loss in revenue to the MVC from driver's license restoration, the OLS cannot quantify the revenue decrease amount.

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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.).

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5191

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 2019

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Concerns driver's license suspension for certain crimes and offenses; removes automatic suspension for child support arrearages.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/14/2019)

**AN ACT** concerning certain driver's license suspensions, and amending and repealing various parts of the statutory law.

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

- 1. Section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) is amended to read as follows:
- 24. Disposition of delinquency cases. a. In determining the appropriate disposition for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent the court shall weigh the following factors:
  - (1) The nature and circumstances of the offense;
- (2) The degree of injury to persons or damage to property caused by the juvenile's offense;
- (3) The juvenile's age, previous record, prior social service received, and out-of-home placement history;
- (4) Whether the disposition supports family strength, responsibility and unity and the well-being and physical safety of the juvenile;
- (5) Whether the disposition provides for reasonable participation by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, provided, however, that the failure of a parent or parents to cooperate in the disposition shall not be weighed against the juvenile in arriving at an appropriate disposition;
- (6) Whether the disposition recognizes and treats the unique physical, psychological, and social characteristics and needs of the child;
- (7) Whether the disposition contributes to the developmental needs of the child, including the academic and social needs of the child where the child has intellectual disabilities or learning disabilities;
- (8) Any other circumstances related to the offense and the juvenile's social history as deemed appropriate by the court;
  - (9) The impact of the offense on the victim or victims;
  - (10) The impact of the offense on the community; and
- (11) The threat to the safety of the public or any individual posed by the child.
  - b. If a juvenile is adjudged delinquent, and except to the extent that an additional specific disposition is required pursuant to subsection e. or f. of this section, the court may order incarceration pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) or any one or more of the following dispositions:
  - (1) Adjourn formal entry of disposition of the case for a period not to exceed 12 months for the purpose of determining whether the juvenile makes a satisfactory adjustment, and if during the period of

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

- continuance the juvenile makes such an adjustment, dismiss the complaint; provided that if the court adjourns formal entry of disposition of delinquency for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes the court shall assess the mandatory penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-15 but may waive imposition of the penalty set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16 for juveniles adjudicated delinquent;
  - (2) Release the juvenile to the supervision of the juvenile's parent or guardian;

- (3) Place the juvenile on probation to the chief probation officer of the county or to any other suitable person who agrees to accept the duty of probation supervision for a period not to exceed three years upon such written conditions as the court deems will aid rehabilitation of the juvenile;
- (4) Transfer custody of the juvenile to any relative or other person determined by the court to be qualified to care for the juvenile;
- (5) Place the juvenile under the care and responsibility of the Department of Children and Families so that the commissioner may designate a division or organizational unit in the department pursuant to P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-1 et seq.) for the purpose of providing services in or out of the home. Within 14 days, unless for good cause shown, but not later than 30 days, the Department of Children and Families shall submit to the court a service plan, which shall be presumed valid, detailing the specifics of any disposition order. The plan shall be developed within the limits of fiscal and other resources available to the department. If the court determines that the service plan is inappropriate, given existing resources, the department may request a hearing on that determination;
- (6) Place the juvenile under the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families for the purpose of receiving the services of the Division of Children's System of Care of that department, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be eligible for those services under P.L.1965, c.59, s.16 (C.30:4-25.4);
- (7) Commit the juvenile, pursuant to applicable laws and the Rules of Court governing civil commitment, to the Department of Children and Families under the responsibility of the Division of Children's System of Care for the purpose of placement in a suitable public or private hospital or other residential facility for the treatment of persons who are mentally ill, on the ground that the juvenile is in need of involuntary commitment;
- (8) Fine the juvenile an amount not to exceed the maximum provided by law for such a crime or offense if committed by an adult and which is consistent with the juvenile's income or ability to pay and financial responsibility to the juvenile's family, provided that the fine is specially adapted to the rehabilitation of the juvenile

or to the deterrence of the type of crime or offense. If the fine is not paid due to financial limitations, the fine may be satisfied by requiring the juvenile to submit to any other appropriate disposition provided for in this section;

- (9) Order the juvenile to make restitution to a person or entity who has suffered loss resulting from personal injuries or damage to property as a result of the offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution. If the juvenile participated in the offense with other persons, the participants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of restitution. The court shall not require a juvenile to make full or partial restitution if the juvenile reasonably satisfies the court that the juvenile does not have the means to make restitution and could not reasonably acquire the means to pay restitution;
- (10) Order that the juvenile perform community services under the supervision of a probation division or other agency or individual deemed appropriate by the court. Such services shall be compulsory and reasonable in terms of nature and duration. Such services may be performed without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from the performance of community services may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (11) Order that the juvenile participate in work programs which are designed to provide job skills and specific employment training to enhance the employability of job participants. Such programs may be without compensation, provided that any money earned by the juvenile from participation in a work program may be applied towards any payment of restitution or fine which the court has ordered the juvenile to pay;
- (12) Order that the juvenile participate in programs emphasizing self-reliance, such as intensive outdoor programs teaching survival skills, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and other appropriate activities;
- (13) Order that the juvenile participate in a program of academic or vocational education or counseling, such as a youth service bureau, requiring attendance at sessions designed to afford access to opportunities for normal growth and development. This may require attendance after school, evenings, and weekends;
- (14) Place the juvenile in a suitable residential or nonresidential program for the treatment of alcohol or narcotic abuse, provided that the juvenile has been determined to be in need of such services;
- (15) Order the parent or guardian of the juvenile to participate in appropriate programs or services when the court has found either that such person's omission or conduct was a significant contributing factor towards the commission of the delinquent act, or, under its authority to enforce litigant's rights, that such person's omission or conduct has been a significant contributing factor

towards the ineffective implementation of a court order previously entered in relation to the juvenile;

- (16) (a) Place the juvenile in a nonresidential program operated by a public or private agency, providing intensive services to juveniles for specified hours, which may include education, counseling to the juvenile and the juvenile's family if appropriate, vocational training, employment counseling, work, or other services;
- (b) Place the juvenile under the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1995, c.284 (C.52:17B-170) for placement with any private group home or private residential facility with which the commission has entered into a purchase of service contract;
- (17) Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration certificate, or both of any juvenile who [used a motor vehicle in the course of committing an act for which the juvenile] was adjudicated delinquent for carjacking pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993, c.221 (C.2C:15-2). In imposing this disposition and in deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or revocation, the court shall consider the [severity of the delinquent act] circumstances of the carjacking and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated. Any postponement, suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial commitment;
  - (18) Order that the juvenile satisfy any other conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the juvenile;
  - (19) Order a parent or guardian who has failed or neglected to exercise reasonable supervision or control of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent to make restitution to any person or entity who has suffered a loss as a result of that offense. The court may determine the reasonable amount, terms, and conditions of restitution; or
  - (20) Place the juvenile, if eligible, in an appropriate juvenile offender program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.81 (C.30:8-61 et al.).
  - c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections e. and f. of this section, if the county in which the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent has a juvenile detention facility meeting the physical and program standards established pursuant to this subsection by the Juvenile Justice Commission, the court may, in addition to any of the dispositions not involving placement out of the home enumerated in this section, incarcerate the juvenile in the youth detention facility in that county for a term not to exceed 60 consecutive days. Counties which do not operate their own juvenile detention facilities may contract for the use of approved commitment programs with counties with which they have

established agreements for the use of pre-disposition juvenile 2 detention facilities. The Juvenile Justice Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations from time to time as deemed necessary to establish minimum physical facility and program 4 standards for the use of juvenile detention facilities pursuant to this 6 subsection.

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- (2) No juvenile may be incarcerated in any county detention facility unless the county has entered into an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission concerning the use of the facility for sentenced juveniles. Upon agreement with the county, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall certify detention facilities which may receive juveniles sentenced pursuant to this subsection and shall specify the capacity of the facility that may be made available to receive such juveniles; provided, however, that in no event shall the number of juveniles incarcerated pursuant to this subsection exceed 50% of the maximum capacity of the facility.
- (3) The court may fix a term of incarceration under this subsection where:
- (a) The act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent, if committed by an adult, would have constituted a crime or repetitive disorderly persons offense;
- (b) Incarceration of the juvenile is consistent with the goals of public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation and the court is clearly convinced that the aggravating factors substantially outweigh the mitigating factors as set forth in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44); and
- (c) The detention facility has been certified for admission of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to paragraph (2).
- (4) If as a result of incarceration of adjudicated juveniles pursuant to this subsection, a county is required to transport a predisposition juvenile to a juvenile detention facility in another county, the costs of such transportation shall be borne by the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- d. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section other than subsection c., the duration of the juvenile's mandatory participation in such alternative programs shall extend for a period consistent with the program goal for the juvenile and shall in no event exceed one year beyond the maximum duration permissible for the delinquent if the juvenile had been committed to a term of incarceration.
- In addition to any disposition the court may impose pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), the following orders shall be included in dispositions of the adjudications set forth below:
- (1) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77

1 (C.2A:4A-44) or an order to perform community service pursuant to 2 paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at 3 least 60 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an 4 act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of 5 theft of a motor vehicle, or the crime of unlawful taking of a motor 6 vehicle in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:20-10, or the third 7 degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of

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- 9 (2) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration 10 authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 11 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 60 days 12 during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if 13 14 committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of aggravated 15 assault in violation of paragraph (6) of subsection b. of 16 N.J.S.2C:12-1, the second degree crime of eluding in violation of 17 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, or theft of a motor vehicle, in a case 18 in which the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for 19 an act, which if committed by an adult, would constitute unlawful 20 taking of a motor vehicle or theft of a motor vehicle;
  - (3) An order to perform community service pursuant to paragraph (10) of subsection b. of this section for a period of at least 30 days, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the fourth degree crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:20-10;
  - (4) An order of incarceration for a term of the duration authorized pursuant to this section or section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) which shall include a minimum term of 30 days during which the juvenile shall be ineligible for parole, if the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in violation of N.J.S.2C:20-10 or the third degree crime of eluding in violation of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2, and if the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute either theft of a motor vehicle, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle or eluding.
  - f. (1) The minimum terms of incarceration required pursuant to subsection e. of this section shall be imposed regardless of the weight or balance of factors set forth in this section or in section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44), but the weight and balance of those factors shall determine the length of the term of incarceration appropriate, if any, beyond any mandatory minimum term required pursuant to subsection e. of this section.
- 46 (2) When a court in a county that does not have a juvenile 47 detention facility or a contractual relationship permitting 48 incarceration pursuant to subsection c. of this section is required to

1 impose a term of incarceration pursuant to subsection e. of this 2 section, the court may, subject to limitations on commitment to 3 State correctional facilities of juveniles who are under the age of 11 4 or developmentally disabled, set a term of incarceration consistent 5 with subsection c. which shall be served in a State correctional 6 facility. When a juvenile who because of age or developmental 7 disability cannot be committed to a State correctional facility or 8 cannot be incarcerated in a county facility, the court shall order a 9 disposition appropriate as an alternative to any incarceration 10 required pursuant to subsection e.

- (3) For purposes of subsection e. of this section, in the event that a "boot camp" program for juvenile offenders should be developed and is available, a term of commitment to such a program shall be considered a term of incarceration.
- g. Whenever the court imposes a disposition upon an adjudicated delinquent which requires the juvenile to perform a community service, restitution, or to participate in any other program provided for in this section, the order shall include provisions which provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, accountability for offenses committed, fostering interaction and dialogue between the offender, victim and community and the development of competencies to enable the child to become a responsible and productive member of the community.

(cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.1)

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- 2. Section 3 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.41) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. a. If the child support arrearage equals or exceeds the amount of child support payable for six months or court-ordered health care coverage for the child is not provided for six months, or the obligor fails to respond to a subpoena relating to a paternity or child support action, or a child support-related warrant exists, and the obligor is found to possess a license in the State and all appropriate enforcement methods to collect the child support arrearage have been exhausted, the Probation Division shall send a written notice to the obligor, by certified and regular mail, return receipt requested, at the obligor's last-known address or place of business or employment, advising the obligor that the obligor's license may be revoked or suspended unless, within 30 days of the postmark date of the notice, the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage, or provides proof that health care coverage for the child has been obtained, or responds to a subpoena, or makes a written request for a court hearing to the Probation Division. [The obligor's driver's license shall be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. I If a child support- related warrant for the obligor exists, the professional, occupational, recreational or sporting license revocation or

suspension shall be terminated if the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage, provides proof that health care coverage for the child has been obtained as required by the court order, or surrenders to the county sheriff or the Probation Division.

b. If the obligor fails to take one of the actions in subsection a. of this section within 30 days of the postmark date of the notice and there is proof that service on the obligor was effective, the Probation Division shall file a certification with the court setting forth the obligor's non-compliance with the support order and the obligor's failure to respond to the written notice of the potential license suspension or revocation. If, based on the papers filed by the Probation Division, the court is satisfied that service on the obligor was effective as set forth in this section, it shall without need for further due process or hearing, enter a court order suspending or revoking all licenses held by the obligor. Upon the entry of the order, the Probation Division shall forward a copy to the obligor and all appropriate licensing authorities.

For the purposes of this section, the court may deem procedural due process requirements for notice and service of process to be met with respect to a party thereto upon delivery of written notice to the most recent residential or employer address filed with the Probation Division for that party. If a party fails to respond to a notice and no proof is available that the party received the notice, the Probation Division shall document to the court that it has made a diligent effort to locate the party by making inquiries that may include, but are not limited to: the United States Postal Service, the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation, the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury and the Departments of Labor and Corrections. The Probation Division shall provide an affidavit to the court presenting such documentation of its diligent effort, which certifies its inability to locate the party, before any adverse action is taken based upon the party's failure to respond to the notice.

c. If the obligor requests a hearing, the Probation Division shall file a petition for a judicial hearing in accordance with section 5 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.43). The hearing shall occur within 45 days of the obligor's request. If, at or prior to the hearing, the obligor pays the full amount of the child support arrearage or provides health care coverage as ordered, or responds to the subpoena or surrenders to the county sheriff or the Probation Division, the license revocation process shall be terminated. No license revocation action shall be initiated if the Probation Division has received notice that the obligor has pending a motion to modify the child support order if that motion was filed prior to the date that the notice of the license suspension or revocation was sent by the Probation Division. The court shall consider the Probation Division's petition to revoke or suspend a license in accordance

with section 5 of P.L.1996, c.7 (C.2A:17-56.43).(cf: P.L.1998, c.1, s.28)

- 3. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.83 (C.2C:20-2.1) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. In addition to any other disposition authorized by law, a person convicted under the provisions of this chapter of theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle shall be subject:
- (1) For the first offense, to a penalty of **[**\$500.00 to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of one year. **]** \$500, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed one year;
- (2) For a second offense, to a penalty of **[**\$750.00 and to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of two years. **]** \$750, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed two years; and
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense, to a penalty of [\$1,000.00, and to the suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for 10 years] \$1,000, and the court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the person's driving privileges for a period not to exceed 10 years.
- In deciding the duration of the suspension, revocation, or postponement of the person's driving privileges pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection, the court shall consider the circumstances of the theft or unlawful taking of the motor vehicle and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available.
- b. The suspension or postponement of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed. In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this section, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court [of] not to exceed one year for a first offense, two years for a second offense, or 10 years for a third offense calculated from the day after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this Title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any

1 conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any 2 offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this Title, the 3 revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] 4 pursuant to this section shall commence as of the date of 5 termination of the existing revocation, suspension, 6 postponement.

Upon conviction the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey 7 8 driver's licenses of the person and forward [such] the license or 9 licenses to the [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of 10 Motor Vehicles New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along 11 with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or 12 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. 13 If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall [cause] forward a report of the 14 15 conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the 16 [director] chief administrator. That report shall include the 17 complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the 18 person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or 19 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. 20 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the 21 person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during 22 the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant 23 to this section the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the 24 penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to 25 acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to 26 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the 27 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent 28 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a 29 driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect 30 the license but shall notify the director who shall notify the 31 appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, 32 however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke 33 the person's non-resident driving privileges in this State.

- c. All penalties provided for in this section shall be collected as provided for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), and shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.2C:64-6 as if the collected monies were the proceeds of property forfeited pursuant to the provisions of chapter 64. However, the distributed monies are to be used for law enforcement activities related to auto theft.
- 41 (cf: P.L.1993, c.219, s.4)

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1. a. A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale, or otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer or expose for sale, or otherwise transfer, a document, printed form or

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other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

- b. A person who knowingly makes, or possesses devices or materials to make, a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the second degree.
- c. A person who knowingly exhibits, displays or utters a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a crime of the third degree. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the personal identifying information of another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the personal identifying information of another to misrepresent his age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other consumer product denied to persons under 18 years of age shall not constitute an offense under this subsection if the actor received only that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud on another.
- d. A person who knowingly possesses a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, crime of the fourth degree. constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the personal identifying information of another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the personal identifying information of another to misrepresent his age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other consumer product denied to persons under 18 years of age shall not constitute an offense under this subsection if the actor received only that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud on another.
- e. In addition to any other disposition authorized by this Title, the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43), or any other statute indicating the dispositions that may be ordered for an adjudication of delinquency, and, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, [every] the court, in its discretion,

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1 may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a period of not less than six 2 months or more than two years the driver's license of any person 3 convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense 4 defined in this section [shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a 5 motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period to be 6 fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two 7 years which]. In deciding the duration of the suspension, 8 revocation, or postponement of the person's driving privileges for a 9 violation of this section, the court shall consider the circumstances 10 of the violation, and whether the loss of driving privileges will 11 result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation 12 are not available. The suspension, revocation, or postponement 13 shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed. In the case of 14 any person who at the time of the imposition of the sentence is less 15 than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving 16 privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this subsection, including 17 a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall 18 commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a 19 period as fixed by the court of not [less than six months or] more 20 than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. 21 If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, 22 suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this 23 Title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any 24 conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any 25 offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this Title, the 26 revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] 27 pursuant to this subsection shall commence as of the date of 28 the existing revocation, suspension, termination of 29 postponement. 30

The court [before whom] postponing, suspending, or revoking the driver's license of any person [is] convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this section shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of that person and forward the license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall [cause] forward a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the [director] chief administrator. The report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant

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to this section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license, but shall notify forthwith the [director] chief administrator who shall notify the appropriate officials in that licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privileges in this State.

In addition to any other condition imposed, a court, in its discretion, may suspend, revoke, or postpone the driving privileges of a person admitted to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1 or N.J.S.2C:43-12 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt.

(cf: P.L.2005, c.224, s.1)

- 5. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and shall be fined not less than \$500.
- b. **[**Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense, suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period

of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person and submit to the commission the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement. Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

- c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program, authorized by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services, for a period not to exceed the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been convicted.
- d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic beverages by **[**any such**]** an underage person while actually engaged in the performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county vocational school or post secondary educational institution.
- e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a) shall apply to a parent, guardian, or other person with legal custody of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in violation of this section.
- f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be immune from prosecution under this section if:
- (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption;
- (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1 operator;
- (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1 report; and
- 47 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-

1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age 2 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and 3 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel 4 on the scene.

The underage person who received medical assistance also shall be immune from prosecution under this section.

- g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1.
- 9 (cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3)

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- 6. N.J.S.2C:34-1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2C:34-1. a. As used in this section:
- (1) "Prostitution" is sexual activity with another person in exchange for something of economic value, or the offer or acceptance of an offer to engage in sexual activity in exchange for something of economic value.
- (2) "Sexual activity" includes, but is not limited to, sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, and oral-anal contact, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; masturbation; touching of the genitals, buttocks, or female breasts; sadistic or masochistic abuse and other deviate sexual relations.
- (3) "House of prostitution" is any place where prostitution or promotion of prostitution is regularly carried on by one person under the control, management or supervision of another.
  - (4) "Promoting prostitution" is:
- (a) Owning, controlling, managing, supervising or otherwise keeping, alone or in association with another, a house of prostitution or a prostitution business;
- (b) Procuring an inmate for a house of prostitution or place in a house of prostitution for one who would be an inmate;
- (c) Encouraging, inducing, or otherwise purposely causing another to become or remain a prostitute;
  - (d) Soliciting a person to patronize a prostitute;
  - (e) Procuring a prostitute for a patron;
- (f) Transporting a person into or within this State with purpose to promote that person's engaging in prostitution, or procuring or paying for transportation with that purpose; or
- (g) Knowingly leasing or otherwise permitting a place controlled by the actor, alone or in association with others, to be regularly used for prostitution or promotion of prostitution, or failure to make a reasonable effort to abate such use by ejecting the tenant, notifying law enforcement authorities, or other legally available means.
- b. A person commits an offense if:
- 46 (1) The actor engages in prostitution as a patron;
- 47 (2) The actor promotes prostitution;

(3) The actor knowingly promotes prostitution of a child under 18 whether or not the actor mistakenly believed that the child was 18 years of age or older, even if such mistaken belief was reasonable;

- (4) The actor knowingly promotes prostitution of the actor's child, ward, or any other person for whose care the actor is responsible;
- (5) The actor compels another to engage in or promote prostitution;
  - (6) The actor promotes prostitution of the actor's spouse;
  - (7) The actor knowingly engages in prostitution with a person under the age of 18, or if the actor enters into or remains in a house of prostitution for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity with a child under the age of 18, or if the actor solicits or requests a child under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity. It shall be no defense to a prosecution under this paragraph that the actor mistakenly believed that the child was 18 years of age or older, even if such mistaken belief was reasonable; or
  - (8) The actor engages in prostitution by personally offering sexual activity in exchange for something of economic value.
    - c. Grading of offenses under subsection b.
  - (1) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the first degree if the offense falls within paragraph (3) or (4) of that subsection.
  - (2) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the second degree if the offense falls within paragraph (7) of that subsection.
  - (3) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a crime of the third degree if the offense falls within paragraph (5) or (6) of that subsection.
  - (4) An offense under paragraph (2) of subsection b. constitutes a crime of the third degree if the conduct falls within subparagraph (a), (b), (c), (f), or (g) of paragraph (4) of subsection a. Otherwise the offense is a crime of the fourth degree.
- (5) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a disorderly persons offense if the offense falls within paragraph (1) of that subsection except that a second or third conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the fourth degree, and a fourth or subsequent conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the third degree. [In addition, where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of any offense under paragraph (1) of subsection b. the court shall suspend for six months the driving privilege of any such offender who has a valid driver's license issued by this State. Upon conviction, the court shall immediately collect the offender's driver's license and shall forward it, along with a report stating the first and last day of the suspension imposed pursuant to this paragraph, to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.]

- (6) An offense under subsection b. constitutes a disorderly persons offense if the offense falls within paragraph (8) of that subsection, except that a second or subsequent conviction for such an offense constitutes a crime of the fourth degree.
- d. Presumption from living off prostitutes. A person, other than the prostitute or the prostitute's minor child or other legal dependent incapable of self-support, who is supported in whole or substantial part by the proceeds of prostitution is presumed to be knowingly promoting prostitution.
- e. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of human trafficking pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.77 (C.2C:13-8) or compelled by another to engage in sexual activity, regardless of the defendant's age.
- f. (1) Any fine set forth in N.J.S.2C:43-3 that is imposed upon a person by a municipal court for a conviction of a disorderly persons offense under this section shall be collected, notwithstanding the procedures for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), by the municipal court administrator and paid into the municipal treasury of the municipality in which the offense was committed.
- (2) In addition to any fine, fee, assessment, or penalty authorized under the provisions of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, a person convicted of an offense of prostitution or related offense under paragraph (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection b. shall be assessed a penalty of at least \$10,000 but not more than \$50,000, except if the offense involved promotion of the prostitution of a child under the age of 18, the penalty shall be at least \$25,000. All penalties provided for in this subsection, collected as provided for the collection of fines and restitutions in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4), shall be forwarded to the Department of the Treasury to be deposited in the "Human Trafficking Survivor's Assistance Fund" established by section 2 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-238).

35 (cf: P.L.2013, c.51, s.9)

7. N.J.S.2C:35-16 is amended to read as follows:

2C:35-16. a. In addition to any disposition authorized by this title, the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43), or any other statute indicating the dispositions that can be ordered for an adjudication of delinquency, and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, a person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this title shall forthwith forfeit [his] the right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period [to be fixed by the court at not less than] of six months [or more than two years] which shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed unless the court finds compelling

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circumstances warranting an exception. For the purposes of this section, compelling circumstances warranting an exception exist if the forfeiture of the person's right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available. In the case of a person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of any suspension of driving privileges authorized [herein] pursuant to this section, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than six months or more than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any provision of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this title, any revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed [herein] pursuant to this section shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing revocation, suspension, or postponement.

If forfeiture or postponement of driving privileges is ordered by the court pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of the person and forward such license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall cause a report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the Chief That report shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license but shall notify forthwith the Chief Administrator who shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this

section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privilege in this State.

- c. In addition to any other condition imposed, a court may in its discretion suspend, revoke or postpone in accordance with the provisions of this section the driving privileges of a person admitted to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1 or N.J.S.2C:43-12 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt. I (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
- d. [After sentencing and upon notice to the prosecutor, a person subject to suspension or postponement of driving privileges under this section may seek revocation of the remaining portion of any suspension or postponement based on compelling circumstances warranting an exception that were not raised at the time of sentencing. The court may revoke the suspension or postponement if it finds compelling circumstances.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

19 (cf: P.L.2008, c.84, s.2)

- 8. N.J.S.2C:36A-1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2C:36A-1. Conditional discharge for certain first offenses.
- a. Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under section 20 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-20), or a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of this title or, subsequent to the effective date of this title, under any law of the United States, this State or any other state relating to marijuana, or stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, and who has not previously participated in a program of supervisory treatment pursuant to N.J.S.2C:43-12 or conditional dismissal pursuant to P.L.2013, c.158 (C.2C:43-13.1 et al.), or a Veterans Diversion Program pursuant to P.L.2017, c.42 (C.2C:43-23 et al.), is charged with or convicted of any disorderly persons offense or petty disorderly persons offense under chapter 35 or 36 of this title, the court upon notice to the prosecutor and subject to subsection c. of this section, may on motion of the defendant or the court:
  - (1) Suspend further proceedings and with the consent of the person after reference to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record information files, place him under supervisory treatment upon such reasonable terms and conditions as it may require; or
- (2) After a plea of guilty or finding of guilty, and without entering a judgment of conviction, and with the consent of the person after proper reference to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record information files, place him on supervisory treatment upon reasonable terms and conditions as it may require, or as otherwise provided by law.

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b. In no event shall the court require as a term or condition of supervisory treatment under this section, referral to any residential treatment facility for a period exceeding the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been charged or convicted, nor shall any term of supervisory treatment imposed under this subsection exceed a period of three years. [If a person is placed under supervisory treatment under this section after a plea of guilty or finding of guilt, the court as a term and condition of supervisory treatment shall suspend the person's driving privileges for a period to be fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two years unless the court finds compelling circumstances warranting an exception. For the purposes of this subsection, compelling circumstances warranting an exception exist if the suspension of the person's driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available. In the case of a person who at the time of placement under supervisory treatment under this section is less than 17 years of age, the period of suspension of driving privileges authorized herein, including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the person is placed on supervisory treatment and shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than six months or more than two years after the day the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If the driving privilege of a person is under revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of the person's placement on supervisory treatment under this section, the revocation, suspension or postponement period imposed herein shall commence as of the date of the termination of the existing revocation, suspension or postponement. The court which places a person on supervisory treatment under this section shall collect and forward the person's driver's license to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and file an appropriate report with the commission in accordance with the procedure set forth in N.J.S.2C:35-16. The court shall also inform the person of the penalties for operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement as required in N.J.S.2C:35-16.

Upon violation of a term or condition of supervisory treatment the court may enter a judgment of conviction and proceed as otherwise provided, or where there has been no plea of guilty or finding of guilty, resume proceedings. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of supervisory treatment the court shall terminate the supervisory treatment and dismiss the proceedings against him. Termination of supervisory treatment and dismissal under this section shall be without court adjudication of guilt and shall not be deemed a conviction for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities, if any, imposed by law upon conviction of a crime or disorderly persons offense but shall be reported by the clerk of the

- 1 court to the State Bureau of Identification criminal history record 2 information files. Termination of supervisory treatment and 3 dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to 4 any person. Imposition of supervisory treatment under this section 5 shall not be deemed a conviction for the purposes of determining 6 whether a second or subsequent offense has occurred under section 7 29 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-29), chapter 35 or 36 of this title or 8 any law of this State.
  - c. Proceedings under this section shall not be available to any defendant unless the court in its discretion concludes that:
  - (1) The defendant's continued presence in the community, or in a civil treatment center or program, will not pose a danger to the community; or
  - (2) That the terms and conditions of supervisory treatment will be adequate to protect the public and will benefit the defendant by serving to correct any dependence on or use of controlled substances which he may manifest; and
  - (3) The person has not previously received supervisory treatment under section 27 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-27), N.J.S.2C:43-12, or the provisions of this chapter.
  - d. A person seeking conditional discharge pursuant to this section shall pay to the court a fee of \$75 which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for deposit in the General Fund. The defendant shall also be required to pay restitution, costs and other assessments as provided by law. A person may apply for a waiver of this fee, by reason of poverty, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, or the court may permit the defendant to pay the conditional discharge fee and other assessments in installments or may order other alternatives pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2009, c.317 (C.2B:12-23.1).

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9. N.J.S.2C:43-2 is amended to read as follows:

(cf: P.L.2017, c.42. s.9)

- 2C:43-2 a. Except as otherwise provided by this code, all persons convicted of an offense or offenses shall be sentenced in accordance with this chapter.
- b. Except as provided in subsection a. of this section and subject to the applicable provisions of the code, the court may suspend the imposition of sentence on a person who has been convicted of an offense, or may sentence him as follows:
- (1) To pay a fine or make restitution authorized by N.J.S.2C:43-3 or P.L.1997, c.253 (C.2C:43-3.4 et al.); or
- 43 (2) Except as provided in subsection g. of this section, to be 44 placed on probation and, in the case of a person convicted of a 45 crime, to imprisonment for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 46 364 days to be served as a condition of probation, or in the case of a 47 person convicted of a disorderly persons offense, to imprisonment

- 1 for a term fixed by the court not exceeding 90 days to be served as a 2 condition of probation; or
- (3) To imprisonment for a term authorized by sections 2C:11-3, 2C:43-5, 2C:43-6, 2C:43-7, and 2C:43-8 or 2C:44-5; or 4

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- (4) To pay a fine, make restitution and probation, or fine, restitution and imprisonment; or
  - (5) To release under supervision in the community or to require the performance of community-related service; or
  - (6) To a halfway house or other residential facility in the community, including agencies which are not operated by the Department of Human Services; or
  - (7) To imprisonment at night or on weekends with liberty to work or to participate in training or educational programs.
- 14 Instead of or in addition to any disposition made according to this section, the court may postpone, suspend, or revoke for a 15 period not to exceed two years the driver's license, registration 16 certificate, or both of any person convicted of a crime, disorderly 17 18 persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense in the course of 19 which a motor vehicle was used. In imposing this disposition and in 20 deciding the duration of the postponement, suspension, or 21 revocation, the court shall consider the severity of the crime or 22 offense and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on 23 the person's ability to be rehabilitated. Any postponement, 24 suspension, or revocation shall be imposed consecutively with any custodial sentence. I (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c. 25 26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
  - d. This chapter does not deprive the court of any authority conferred by law to decree a forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office, or impose any other civil penalty. Such a judgment or order may be included in the sentence.
  - e. The court shall state on the record the reasons for imposing the sentence, including its findings pursuant to the criteria for withholding or imposing imprisonment or fines under sections 2C:44-1 to 2C:44-3, where imprisonment is imposed, consideration of the defendant's eligibility for release under the law governing parole and the factual basis supporting its findings of particular aggravating or mitigating f0actors affecting sentence.
  - The court shall explain the parole laws as they apply to the sentence and shall state:
  - (1) the approximate period of time in years and months the defendant will serve in custody before parole eligibility;
- 43 (2) the jail credits or the amount of time the defendant has 44 already served;
- 45 (3) that the defendant may be entitled to good time and work 46 credits; and
- 47 (4) that the defendant may be eligible for participation in the 48 Intensive Supervision Program.

g. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section, a court imposing sentence on a defendant who has been convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1994, c.130 (C.2C:43-6.4) may not sentence the defendant to be placed on probation.

(cf: P.L.2003, c.267, s.5)

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- 10. N.J.S.2C:46-2 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 a. When a defendant sentenced to pay an assessment 10 imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), a 11 penalty imposed pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-12 3.6), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 13 (C.2C:14-10), monthly probation fee, fine, a penalty imposed 14 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), other court-15 imposed financial obligations or to make restitution or pay child 16 support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court defaults 17 in the payment thereof or of any installment, upon the motion of the 18 person authorized by law to collect the payment, the motion of the 19 prosecutor, the motion of the victim entitled to payment of 20 restitution, the motion of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, the motion of the State or county Office of Victim and 21 22 Witness Advocacy or upon its own motion, the court shall recall 23 him, or issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for his appearance. 24 The court shall afford the person notice and an opportunity to be 25 heard on the issue of default. Failure to make any payment when 26 due shall be considered a default. The standard of proof shall be by 27 a preponderance of the evidence, and the burden of establishing good cause for a default shall be on the person who has defaulted. 28
  - (1) If the court finds that the person has defaulted without good cause, the court shall:
  - (a) Order the suspension of the driver's license or the nonresident reciprocity driving privilege of the person; and
  - (b) Prohibit the person from obtaining a driver's license or exercising reciprocity driving privileges until the person has made all past due payments; and
  - (c) Notify the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission of the action taken; and
- 38 (d) Take such other actions as may be authorized by law.]
  39 Deleted by amendment, P.L., c. ) (pending before the
  40 Legislature as this bill)
  - (2) If the court finds that the person defaulted on payment of a court-imposed financial obligation, restitution, or child support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court without good cause and finds that the default was willful, the court may [, in addition to the action required by paragraph (1) of this subsection a., ] impose a term of imprisonment or participation in a labor assistance program or enforced community service to achieve the objective of the court-imposed financial obligation, restitution, or child support or

- 1 other support or maintenance ordered by a court. [These options]
- 2 This option shall not reduce the amount owed by the person in
- 3 default. The term of imprisonment or enforced community service
- 4 or participation in a labor assistance program [in such case] shall
- 5 be specified in the order of commitment. It need not be equated
- 6 with any particular dollar amount but, in the case of a fine it shall
- 7 not exceed one day for each \$50 of the fine nor shall it exceed a
- period of 90 consecutive days. In no case shall the total period of 8
- 9 imprisonment in the case of a disorderly persons offense for both
- 10 the sentence of imprisonment and for failure to pay a fine exceed 11 six months.
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- (3) Except where incarceration is ordered pursuant to paragraph (2) of [this] subsection a. of this section, if the court finds that the person has defaulted the court may take one or more of the following actions:
- (a) the court shall take appropriate action to modify or establish a reasonable schedule for payment;
- (b) in the case of a fine, if the court finds that the circumstances that warranted the fine have changed or that it would be unjust to require payment, the court may revoke or suspend the fine or the unpaid portion of the fine; or
- (c) if the defendant has served jail time for default on a courtimposed financial obligation, the court may order that credit for each day of confinement be given against the amount owed. The amount of the credit shall be determined at the discretion of the court but shall be not less than \$50 for each day of confinement
- (4) When failure to pay an assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), monthly probation fee, restitution, a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-3.6), a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 (C.2C:14-10), or other financial penalties or to perform enforced community service or to participate in a labor assistance program is determined to be willful, the failure to do so shall be considered to be contumacious.
- (5) When a fine, assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), other financial penalty or restitution is imposed on a corporation, it is the duty of the person or persons authorized to make disbursements from the assets of the corporation or association to pay it from such assets and their failure so to do may be held to be contumacious.
- 43 b. Upon any default in the payment of a fine, assessment 44 imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1), 45 monthly probation fee, a penalty imposed pursuant to section 1 of 46 P.L.1999, c.295 (C.2C:43-3.5), a penalty imposed pursuant to 47 section 11 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.2C:43-3.6), a penalty imposed 48 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.73 (C.2C:14-10), other

- financial penalties, restitution, or any installment thereof, execution may be levied and such other measures may be taken for collection of it or the unpaid balance thereof as are authorized for the collection of an unpaid civil judgment entered against the defendant in an action on a debt.
  - c. Upon any default in the payment of restitution or any installment thereof, the victim entitled to the payment may institute summary collection proceedings authorized by subsection b. of this section.
  - d. Upon any default in the payment of an assessment imposed pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1) or any installment thereof, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office or the party responsible for collection may institute summary collection proceedings authorized by subsection b. of this section.
  - e. When a defendant sentenced to make restitution to a public entity other than the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, defaults in the payment thereof or any installment, the court may, in lieu of other modification of the sentence, order the defendant to perform work in a labor assistance program or enforced community service program.
  - f. If a defendant ordered to participate in a labor assistance program or enforced community service program fails to report for work or to perform the assigned work, the comprehensive enforcement hearing officer may revoke the work order and impose any sentence permitted as a consequence of the original conviction.
  - g. If a defendant ordered to participate in a labor assistance program or an enforced community service program pays all outstanding assessments, the comprehensive enforcement hearing officer may review the work order, and modify the same to reflect the objective of the sentence.
    - h. As used in this section:

- (1) "Comprehensive enforcement program" means the program established pursuant to the "Comprehensive Enforcement Program Fund Act," sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1995, c.9 (C.2B:19-1 et seq.).
- (2) The terms "labor assistance program" and "enforced community service" have the same meaning as those terms are defined in section 5 of the "Comprehensive Enforcement Program Fund Act," P.L.1995, c.9 (C.2B:19-5).
- (3) "Public entity" means the State, any county, municipality, district, public authority, public agency and any other political subdivision or public body in the State.
- 43 (4) "Court-imposed financial obligation" means any fine, 44 statutorily-mandated assessment, surcharge, or other financial 45 penalty imposed by a court, but does not include restitution or child 46 support or other support or maintenance ordered by a court.
- 47 (cf: P.L.2013, c.180, s.1)

- 1 11. Section 119 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-119) is amended to read as follows:
  - 119. Gaming by Certain Persons Prohibited; Penalties; Defenses.

A person under the age at which a person is [No] authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages shall not enter, or wager in, a licensed casino or simulcasting facility; provided, however, that [such a] the person may enter a casino or simulcasting facility by way of passage to another room, and provided further, however, that any [such] person [who is] licensed or registered under the provisions of the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), may enter a casino or simulcasting facility in the regular course of the person's permitted activities.

Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense and shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000. [In addition, the court shall suspend or postpone the person's license to operate a motor vehicle for six months.

Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate given the age at the time of sentencing, the non-resident driving privilege of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under

this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

- b. Any licensee or employee of a casino who allows a person under the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages to remain in or wager in a casino or simulcasting facility is guilty of a disorderly persons offense; except that the establishment of all of the following facts by a licensee or employee allowing any **[**such**]** underage person to remain shall constitute a defense to any prosecution therefor:
- (1) That the underage person falsely represented in writing that he or she was at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages;
- (2) That the appearance of the underage person was such that an ordinary prudent person would believe him or her to be at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages; and
- (3) That the admission was made in good faith, relying upon such written representation and appearance, and in the reasonable belief that the underage person was actually at or over the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
- c. A person who knowingly allows or permits another person who is under his or her lawful care, custody, or control and who is under the age at which a person is authorized to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages to wager or attempt to wager in a licensed casino or simulcasting facility in violation of subsection a. of this section is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

29 (cf: P.L.2002, c.65, s.30)

- 12. Section 3 of P.L.1952, c.157 (C.12:7-46) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. a. **[**No**]** A person shall <u>not</u> operate a vessel on the waters of this State while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a narcotic, hallucinogenic, or habit-producing drug or with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or more by weight of alcohol. **[**No**]** A person shall <u>not</u> permit another who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug, or who has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% by weight of alcohol, to operate any vessel owned by the person or in **[**his**]** the person's custody or control.
- As used in this section, "vessel" means a power vessel as defined by section 2 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-71) or a vessel which is 12 feet or greater in length.
- A person who violates this section shall be subject to the following:
  - (1) For a first offense:

- (i) if the person's blood alcohol concentration is 0.08% or higher but less than 0.10%, or the person operates a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or the person permits another person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor to operate a vessel owned by him or in his custody or control or permits another person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or higher but less than 0.10% to operate a vessel, to a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$400; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of one year from the date of conviction [and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of three months];
- (ii) if the person's blood alcohol concentration is 0.10% or higher, or the person operates a vessel while under the influence of a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug, or the person permits another person who is under the influence of a narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit-producing drug to operate a vessel owned by him or in his custody or control, or permits another person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10% or more to operate a vessel, to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of one year from the date of conviction [and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than seven months nor more than one year].
- (2) For a second offense, to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000; to the performance of community service for a period of 30 days, in the form and on the terms as the court deems appropriate under the circumstances; and to imprisonment for a term of not less than 48 hours nor more than 90 days, which shall not be suspended or served on probation; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of two years after the date of conviction [and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of two years ].
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense, to a fine of \$1,000; to imprisonment for a term of not less than 180 days, except that the court may lower this term for each day not exceeding 90 days during which the person performs community service, in the form and on the terms as the court deems appropriate under the circumstances; and to the revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction and to the forfeiting of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of 10 years.

Upon conviction of a violation of this section, the court shall collect forthwith the New Jersey [driver's license or licenses]

1 certification of successful completion of a boat safety course and 2 power vessel operator's license of the person so convicted and forward [such license or licenses] these documents to the Chief 3 4 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. In 5 the event that a person convicted under this section is the holder of any out-of-State [motor vehicle driver's or] vessel operator's 6 7 license, the court shall not collect the license but shall notify 8 forthwith the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle 9 Commission, who shall, in turn, notify appropriate officials in the 10 The court shall, however, revoke the licensing jurisdiction. nonresident's [driving privilege to operate a motor vehicle and the 11 12 nonresident's privilege to operate a vessel in this State.

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- b. A person who has been convicted of a previous violation of this section need not be charged as a second or subsequent offender in the complaint made against him in order to render him liable to the punishment imposed by this section against a second or subsequent offender. If a second offense occurs more than 10 years after the first offense, the court shall treat a second conviction as a first offense for sentencing purposes and, if a third offense occurs more than 10 years after the second offense, the court shall treat a third conviction as a second offense for sentencing purposes.
- c. If a court imposes a term of imprisonment under this section, the person may be sentenced to the county jail, to the workhouse of the county where the offense was committed, or to an inpatient rehabilitation program approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Director of the Division of [Alcoholism and Drug Abuse] Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of [Health and Senior] Human Services.
- 30 In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition 31 of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension 32 of driving privileges authorized herein, including a suspension of 33 the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on 34 the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed 35 by the court of not less than three months after the day the person 36 reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving or vessel operating 37 privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or 38 postponement for a violation of any provision of this title or Title 39 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction of any 40 offense defined in this section, the revocation, suspension, or 41 postponement period imposed herein shall commence as of the date 42 of termination of the existing revocation, suspension or 43 postponement. A second offense shall result in the suspension or 44 postponement of the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle 45 for six months. A third or subsequent offense shall result in the 46 suspension or postponement of the person's privilege to operate a 47 motor vehicle for two years. The court before whom any person is

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1 convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation shall collect 2 forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of the person 3 and forward such license or licenses to the Chief Administrator of 4 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a report 5 indicating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement 6 period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If the court is 7 for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses of the person, 8 the court shall cause a report of the conviction or adjudication of 9 delinquency to be filed with the chief administrator. That report 10 shall include the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, 11 and sex of the person and shall indicate the first and last day of the 12 suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall inform the person orally and in 13 14 writing that if the person is convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle or a vessel during the period of license suspension or 15 16 postponement imposed pursuant to this section, the person shall, 17 upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40 18 or section 14 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-83), whichever is 19 appropriate. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of 20 the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or 21 failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice 22 shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of 23 R.S.39:3-40 or section 14 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-83). If the 24 person is the holder of a driver's or vessel operator's license from 25 another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect the license but shall 26 notify forthwith the chief administrator who shall notify the 27 appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction. The court shall, 28 however, in accordance with the provisions of this section, revoke 29 the person's non-resident driving or vessel operating privilege, 30 whichever is appropriate, in this State. I (Deleted by amendment, 31 P.L., c. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

e. In addition to any other requirements provided by law, a person convicted under this section shall satisfy the screening, evaluation, referral program and fee requirements of the Division of Alcoholism's Intoxicated Driving Programs Unit. A fee of \$80 shall be payable to the Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund established under section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531 (C.26:2B-32), by the convicted person in order to defray the costs of the screening, evaluation and referral by the Intoxicated Driving Programs Unit. Failure to satisfy this requirement shall result in the immediate forfeiture of the privilege to operate a vessel on the waters of this State or the continuation of revocation until the requirements are satisfied.

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f. In addition to any other requirements provided by law, a person convicted under this section shall be required after conviction to complete a boat safety course from the list approved by the Superintendent of State Police pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987, c.453 (C.12:7-60), which shall be completed prior to the

restoration of the privilege to operate a vessel which may have been revoked or suspended for a violation of the provisions of this section. Failure to satisfy this requirement shall result in the immediate revocation of the privilege to operate a vessel on the

waters of this State, or the continuation of revocation until the requirements of this subsection are satisfied.

(cf: P.L.2004, c.80, s.1)

- 9 13. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.4) is amended to read as follows:
  - 3. a. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) commits a disorderly persons offense.
  - b. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,500.00 for a first offense, not more than \$5,000.00 for a second offense and not more than \$10,000.00 for a third and every subsequent offense. Each day during which the violation continues constitutes an additional, separate and distinct offense.
  - c. If a person is convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3), the court shall, in addition to the penalties provided under subsection b. of this section, require the person to perform community service for a term of not more than 90 days [, and the person shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year ].
  - d. All conveyances used or intended for use in the unlawful transportation or disposal of solid waste in violation of the provisions of subsection a. or b. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) are subject to forfeiture to the State pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.).
  - e. The provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.) or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever a conveyance is forfeited to the State pursuant to subsection d. of this section, the proceeds from the disposal and sale of such conveyance shall be remitted to the chief financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the municipality to help finance enforcement activities undertaken pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1970, c.40 (C.48:13A-12) or section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3).
- f. A person convicted of a violation of the provisions of subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 (C.13:1E-9.3) shall be liable to the railroad company in the amount of three times the damages caused directly or indirectly by the unlawful disposal together with three times the costs associated with the cleanup of the real property upon which the violation occurred, including, but

- 1 not limited to, all attorneys' fees and costs which the railroad
- 2 company may reasonably expend in a civil suit brought in a court of
- 3 competent jurisdiction to collect the sums imposed by this
- 4 subsection. In any such suit, a final judgment of conviction shall be
- admissible as conclusive proof that the person violated the 5
- provisions of subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.1989, c.118 6
- 7 (C.13:1E-9.3).
- 8 (cf: P.L.1995, c.11, s.2)

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- 10 14. Section 6 of P.L.1983, c.65 (C.17:29A-35) is amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 6. a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.151.)
  - b. There is created a Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System which shall apply to all drivers and shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:
- 16 (1) (a) Surcharges shall be levied, beginning on or after January
- 17 1, 1984, by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (hereinafter
- the "commission") established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 18
- 19 (C.39:2A-4) on any driver who, in the preceding 36-month period,
- 20 has accumulated six or more motor vehicle points, as provided in
- 21 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes; except that the allowance for a
- 22 reduction of points in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not
- 23 apply for the purpose of determining surcharges under this 24
- paragraph. The accumulation of points shall be calculated as of the
- 25 date the point violation is posted to the driver history record and
- 26 shall be levied pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission.
- 27 Surcharges assessed pursuant to this paragraph shall be [\$150.00]
- 28 \$150 for six points, and [\$25.00] \$25 for each additional point. No 29 offense shall be selected for billing which occurred prior to
- 30 February 10, 1983. No offense shall be considered for billing in
- 31 more than three annual assessments.
- 32 (b) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1984, c.1.)
- 33 (2) (a) Surcharges shall be levied pursuant to subsection f. of 34 section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for each offense of unsafe 35 driving under subsection a. of that section.
- 36 (b) Surcharges shall be levied for convictions (i) under
- 37 R.S.39:4-50 for violations occurring on or after February 10, 1983,
- and (ii) under section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), or for 38
- 39 offenses committed in other jurisdictions of a substantially similar
- 40 nature to those under R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512
- 41 (C.39:4-50.4a), for violations occurring on or after January 26,
- 42 1984. Except as hereinafter provided, surcharges under this
- 43 subparagraph (b) shall be levied annually for a three-year period,
- 44 and shall be [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 per year for each of the first two
- 45 convictions, for a total surcharge of \$3,000 for each conviction, and
- [\$1,500.00] \$1,500 per year for the third conviction occurring 46
- 47 within a three-year period, for a total surcharge of \$4,500 for the
- 48 third conviction. If a driver is convicted under both R.S.39:4-50 and

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1 section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) for offenses arising out 2 of the same incident, the driver shall be assessed only one surcharge for the two offenses.

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[If, upon written notification from the commission or its designee, mailed to the last address of record with the commission, a driver fails to pay a surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission, the driving privilege of the driver shall be suspended forthwith until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment that has resulted in suspension is paid to the commission; except that the commission may authorize payment of the surcharge on an installment basis over a period of 12 months for assessments under \$2,300 or 24 months for assessments of \$2,300 or more. The commission, for good cause, may authorize payment of any surcharge on an installment basis over a period not to exceed 36 months. If a driver fails to pay the surcharge or any installments on the surcharge, the total surcharge shall become due immediately, except as otherwise prescribed by rule of the commission.

The commission may authorize any person to pay the surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission by use of a credit card, debit card or other electronic payment device, and the administrator is authorized to require the person to pay all costs incurred by the commission in connection with the acceptance of the credit card, debit card or other electronic payment device. If a surcharge or related administrative fee is paid by credit or debit cards or any other electronic payment device and the amount is subsequently reversed by the credit card company or bank, [the driving privilege of the surcharged driver shall be suspended and ] the driver shall be subject to the fee imposed for dishonored checks pursuant to section 31 of P.L.1994, c.60 (C.39:5-36.1).

In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the commission is authorized to utilize the provisions of the SOIL (Set off of Individual Liability) program established pursuant to P.L.1981, c.239 (C.54A:9-8.1 et seq.) to collect any surcharge levied under this section and collectible by the commission that is unpaid on or after the effective date of this act. As an additional remedy, the commission may issue a certificate to the Clerk of the Superior Court stating that the person identified in the certificate is indebted under this surcharge law in such amount as shall be stated in the certificate. The certificate shall reference the statute under which the indebtedness arises. Thereupon the clerk to whom such certificate shall have been issued shall immediately enter upon the record of docketed judgments the name of such person as debtor; the State as creditor; the address of such person, if shown in the certificate; the amount of the debt so certified; a reference to the statute under which the surcharge is assessed, and the date of making such entries. The docketing of the entries shall have the same force and effect as a civil judgment docketed in the Superior

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Court, and the commission shall have all the remedies and may take all of the proceedings for the collection thereof which may be had or taken upon the recovery of a judgment in an action, but without prejudice to any right of appeal. Upon entry by the clerk of the certificate in the record of docketed judgments in accordance with this provision, interest in the amount specified by the court rules for post-judgment interest shall accrue from the date of the docketing of the certificate, however payment of the interest may be waived by the commission or its designee. In the event that the surcharge remains unpaid following the issuance of the certificate of debt and the commission takes any further collection action including referral of the matter to the Attorney General or his designee, the fee imposed, in lieu of the actual cost of collection, may be 20 percent of surcharges of \$1,000 or more. The administrator or his designee may establish a sliding scale, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$200, for surcharge principal amounts of less than \$1,000 at the time the certificate of debt is forwarded to the Superior Court for filing. The commission shall provide written notification to a driver of the proposed filing of the certificate of debt at least 10 days prior to the proposed filing; such notice shall be mailed to the driver's last address of record with the commission. Upon the filing of a certificate of debt with the Clerk of the Superior Court, the surcharged driver shall not be eligible for the restoration of his driving privilege until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment that has resulted in the suspension, including interest and costs, if any, is paid to the commission. If a certificate of debt is satisfied following a credit card payment, debit card payment or payment by other electronic payment device and that payment is reversed, a new certificate of debt shall be filed against the surcharged driver unless the original is reinstated.

If the administrator or his designee approves a special payment plan, of such duration as the administrator or his designee deems appropriate, for repayment of the certificate of debt, and the driver is complying with the approved plan, the plan may be continued for any new surcharge not part of the certificate of debt.

All moneys collectible by the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be billed and collected by the commission except as provided in P.L.1997, c.280 (C.2B:19-10 et al.) for the collection of unpaid surcharges. Commencing on September 1, 1996, or such earlier time as the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall certify to the State Treasurer that amounts on deposit in the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund are sufficient to satisfy the current and anticipated financial obligations of the New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association, all surcharges collected by the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be remitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles Surcharge Fund:

1 (i) for transfer to the Market Transition Facility Revenue Fund, 2 as provided in section 12 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.12), for the purposes of section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) until such a 4 time as all the Market Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant to that section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 7 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding; and

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9 (ii) from and after the date of certification by the Commissioner 10 of Banking and Insurance that the moneys collectible under 11 subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. are no longer 12 needed to fund the association or at such time as all Market Transition Facility bonds, notes and obligations and all Motor 13 14 Vehicle Commission bonds, notes and obligations issued pursuant 15 to section 4 of P.L.1994, c.57 (C.34:1B-21.4) and the costs thereof 16 are discharged and no longer outstanding, for transfer to the Motor 17 Vehicle Surcharges Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 6 18 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," 19 P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.28) to be applied as set forth in section 20 6 that act. From and after such time as all bonds issued under 21 section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 22 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26) and the costs thereof are 23 discharged and no longer outstanding, all surcharges collected by 24 the commission under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this 25 subsection b. shall, subject to appropriation, be remitted to the New 26 Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association created 27 pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-6) to be used for 28 payment of any loans made by that association to the New Jersey 29 Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund pursuant to paragraph (10) of 30 subsection a. of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.17 (C.17:30A-8); provided 31 that all such payments shall be subject to and dependent upon 32 appropriation by the State Legislature.

All surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. shall be forwarded not less frequently than monthly to the Division of Revenue. The Division of Revenue shall transfer: all such surcharges received prior to July 1, 2006, to the General Fund, and commencing July 1, 2006, all such surcharges to the Unsafe Driving Surcharge Revenue Fund established pursuant to section 5 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.27) to be applied as set forth in section 5 of that act. From and after such time as all bonds (including refunding bonds), notes and other obligations issued under section 4 of the "Motor Vehicle Surcharges Securitization Act of 2004," P.L.2004, c.70 (C.34:1B-21.26), and the costs thereof are discharged and no longer outstanding, all such surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection b. and forwarded to the Division of Revenue shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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1 Upon request, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall 2 provide a monthly report to the Division of Revenue containing 3 information on the number of convictions for the offense of unsafe 4 driving pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) that 5 were entered during such month, the amount of the surcharges that 6 were assessed by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of section 1 of 7 P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for such month, and the amount of the 8 surcharges collected by the courts pursuant to subsection f. of 9 section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) during such month.

- 10 (3) In addition to any other authority provided in P.L.1983, c.65 11 (C.17:29A-33 et al.), the commissioner, after consultation with the 12 commission, is specifically authorized (a) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.64), (b) to impose, in accordance with subparagraph (a) 13 of paragraph (1) of this subsection b., surcharges for motor vehicle 14 15 violations or convictions for which motor vehicle points are not 16 assessed under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, or (c) to reduce the 17 number of points for which surcharges may be assessed below the 18 level provided in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this 19 subsection b., except that the dollar amount of all surcharges levied 20 under the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System shall be 21 uniform on a Statewide basis for each filer, without regard to 22 classification or territory. Surcharges adopted by the commissioner 23 on or after January 1, 1984 for motor vehicle violations or 24 convictions for which motor vehicle points are not assessable under 25 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall not be retroactively applied 26 but shall take effect on the date of the New Jersey Register in which 27 notice of adoption appears or the effective date set forth in that 28 notice, whichever is later.
  - c. No motor vehicle violation surcharges shall be levied on an automobile insurance policy issued or renewed on or after January 1, 1984, except in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Violations Surcharge System, and all surcharges levied thereunder shall be assessed, collected and distributed in accordance with subsection b. of this section.
    - d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1990, c.8.)
  - e. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the commission as may be appropriate, shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this section.
- 40 (cf: P.L.2007, c.282, s.1)

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- 42 15. Section 50 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-41) is amended to 43 read as follows:
- 44 50. a. Upon the termination of a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance by cancellation for nonpayment of premium pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, c.158 (C.17:29C-7), notice of that cancellation shall be filed by the insurer with the [Division of

1 Motor Vehicles New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission not later 2 than 30 days following the effective date of that cancellation.

- b. The **[**division**]** commission shall notify the person whose policy was canceled that, unless proof of motor vehicle liability insurance is filed with the **[**division**]** commission within 30 days of the notification or some other allowable circumstance exists and the division is notified of that circumstance within 30 days of the notification, the sanctions and penalties of this section shall apply.
- c. If the [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission has not received proof of motor vehicle liability insurance or other allowable circumstances within 30 days pursuant to subsection b. of this section, [he] the chief administrator shall suspend the registration of [such] vehicle, except that:
- (1) Suspension shall not be made under this subsection upon the basis of a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the registration certificate and registration plates of the motor vehicle are surrendered prior to the time at which the cancellation of insurance becomes effective. [Such surrender] Surrender of the certificate and plates shall be made to [such] officers of the [division] commission as the [director] chief administrator shall direct. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expiration of a registration without renewal of that registration shall be deemed to be a surrender of registration as of the date of expiration;
- (2) Suspension shall not be made under this subsection upon a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the vehicle has been, or will be, prior to the date of that cancellation, removed from the United States in North America and the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of international traffic, provided that the owner of the vehicle, prior to the date of that cancellation, has filed with the <code>[director]]</code> chief administrator a statement, in a form prescribed by <code>[him]]</code> the chief administrator, indicating that the vehicle has been, or will be, so removed, and agreeing to notify the <code>[director]]</code> chief administrator immediately upon return of the vehicle to the United States in North America or the Dominion of Canada. Upon receipt of the statement the <code>[director]]</code> chief administrator shall restrict the use of the registration to <code>[such]</code> international traffic until new proof that motor vehicle liability insurance has been secured for the vehicle:
- (3) Suspension need not be made under this subsection upon the basis of a cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance if the period of time during which the motor vehicle remained both registered and uninsured was not greater than 15 days. The **[**director] chief administrator shall promulgate regulations governing the conditions under which suspension action may be withheld pursuant to this paragraph.

- d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this section, an order of suspension may be rescinded if the registrant pays to the commissioner a civil penalty in the amount of \$4 for each day up to 90 days for which motor vehicle liability insurance was not in effect. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only once during any 36-month period and only if the registrant surrenders the certificate of registration and registration plates to the [director] chief administrator not more than 90 days from the date of cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage or submits to the [director] chief administrator proof of motor vehicle liability insurance which took effect not more than 90 days from the cancellation of [his] the registrant's previous motor vehicle liability insurance.
  - e. Any motor vehicle, the registration for which has been suspended pursuant to this section, shall not be registered or reregistered in the name of the [same] registrant, or in any other name where the [director] chief administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that [such] the registration or reregistration will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this section, and no other motor vehicle shall be registered in the name of [such] the person during the period of suspension.

- f. [No registration] <u>Registration</u> plates shall <u>not</u> be returned to the registrant until proof of motor vehicle liability insurance is submitted to the [director] chief administrator.
- g. If a registrant has not surrendered his certificate of registration and registration plates or obtained motor vehicle liability insurance within 90 days from the date of cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance, the [director] chief administrator [shall] may suspend the driver's license of [any such] the registrant. The suspension shall take effect on the date specified in the order and shall remain in effect until termination of the suspension of the registrant's registration.
- h. The [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions of this section. The [director] chief administrator may, by regulation, require that the provisions of this section shall be applicable to the termination of policies of motor vehicle liability insurance for reasons other than cancellation for nonpayment of premium, including nonrenewals.
- i. Within 180 days of the effective date of this act the [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall develop a format for electronic reporting by insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance, to the [division] commission, on a real-time basis, information regarding

1 the cancellation of policies of motor vehicle insurance, the issuance 2 of new policies of motor vehicle insurance, and changes of vehicle 3 on policies of motor vehicle insurance in force in order to verify 4 compliance with the motor vehicle liability insurance requirements 5 of section 1 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1), and the mandatory 6 automobile insurance requirements of section 4 of P.L.1998, c.21 7 (C.39:6A-3.1). Information shall be maintained by driver's license number of the named insured. Other information to be provided by 8 9 insurers shall be established by the [director] chief administrator 10 by regulation.

- The [director] chief administrator shall establish an electronic data base containing the information provided for in subsection i. of this section, which shall be made available to all law enforcement officers for the purpose of enforcing the mandatory motor vehicle insurance requirements of section 1 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1). The data base shall not be made available until every insurer writing private passenger insurance has complied with regulations of the [director] chief administrator and the information required by subsection i. of this section is reported on a real-time basis. The [Division of Motor Vehicles] New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall establish security procedures to protect the confidentiality of the information on the data base, which shall preclude access to the information to any person not otherwise entitled to it under this or any other law.
- k. The data base shall be funded from the Uninsured Motorist Prevention Fund established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1983, c.141 (C.39:6B-3).

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- 16. R.S.33:1-81 is amended to read as follows:
- 31 33:1-81. It shall be unlawful for:
  - A person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages to enter any premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing, or having served or delivered to him or her, any alcoholic beverage; or
  - A person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages to consume any alcoholic beverage on premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, or to purchase, attempt to purchase or have another purchase for him any alcoholic beverage;
  - (c) Any person to misrepresent or misstate his age, or the age of any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee or any employee of any licensee, to sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages; or
- 46 (d) Any person to enter any premises licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing, or to purchase

alcoholic beverages, for another person who does not because of his age have the right to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than **[**\$500.00**]** <u>\$500</u>. **[**In addition, the court shall suspend or postpone the person's license to operate a motor vehicle for six months.

Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate given the age at the time of sentencing, the non-resident driving privilege of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

In addition to the general penalties prescribed for an offense, the court may require any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages who violates this act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program authorized by the Department of Health for a period not to exceed the maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been convicted.

47 (cf: P.L.1991, c.169, s.1)

1 17. Section 1 of P.L.1964, c.289 (C.39:4-49.1) is amended to 2 read as follows:

[No] 1. A person shall <u>not</u> operate a motor vehicle on any highway while knowingly having in [his] the person's possession or in the motor vehicle any controlled dangerous substance as classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV and V of the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act," P.L. 1970, c. 226 (C. 24:21-1 et seq.) or any prescription legend drug, unless the person has obtained the substance or drug from, or on a valid written prescription of, a duly licensed physician, veterinarian, dentist or other medical practitioner licensed to write prescriptions intended for the treatment or prevention of disease in [man] humans or animals or unless the person possesses a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner or lawfully possesses a Schedule V substance.

A person who violates this section shall be fined not less than [\$50.00 and shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle for a period of two years from the date of his conviction] \$50.

(cf: P.L.1985, c.239, s.1)

18. Section 1 of P.L.1967, c.305 (C.39:4-56.5) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any highway, other than a limited access highway, or other public property or on any private property without the consent of the owner or other person in charge of the private property. A vehicle which has remained on or along any highway or other public property or on private property without such consent for a period of more than 48 hours or for any period without current license plates shall be presumed to be an abandoned motor vehicle. Vehicles used or to be used in the construction, operation or maintenance of public utility facilities and which are left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic shall not be considered abandoned vehicles for the purposes of this section.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any limited access highway without the consent of the State Department of Transportation or other entity having jurisdiction over the limited access highway, as the case may be. A vehicle which remains on or along [such a] the highway for a period of more than four hours or for any period without current license plates shall be presumed to be an abandoned motor vehicle. Legally parked vehicles, such as vehicles parked in a designated rest area for not more than 12 hours, or vehicles used or to be used in the construction, operation, or maintenance of public utility facilities and which are left in a manner which does not interfere

with the normal movement of traffic shall not be considered abandoned vehicles for the purposes of this section.

- Any person who violates this section shall be subject for the first offense to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and his license or driving privilege may be suspended or revoked by the director for not more than two years ]. For any subsequent violation [he] the person shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 [nor] or more than \$1,000[, and his license or driving privilege be suspended or revoked for a period of not more than five years].
- 11 (cf: P.L.1999, c.411, s.1)

- 19. Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) is amended to read as follows:
- 9. a. If a person has failed to respond to a failure to appear notice or has failed to pay a parking judgment, the municipal court may give notice of that fact to the commission in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. If notice has been given under this section of a person's failure to respond to a failure to appear notice or to pay a parking judgment and if the fines and penalties are paid or if the case is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, the municipal court shall promptly give notice to that effect to the commission.
- b. The judge or the commission may suspend the **[**driver's license, or the **]** registration of the motor vehicle of an owner, lessee, or operator who has not answered or appeared in response to a failure to appear notice or has not paid or otherwise satisfied outstanding parking fines or penalties.
- If the **[**license or **]** registration suspension is the result of the failure to pay outstanding parking fines or penalties, or respond to a failure to appear notice, the commission shall:
- (1) delay the imposition of the [license or] registration suspension for at least 30 days after the date on which the commission received a notice of suspension from the municipal court; and
- (2) upon receipt of a notice of suspension from the municipal court, provide written notice advising the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension shall take effect 30 days after the date of the commission's notice. The written notice issued by the commission shall provide the reason for suspension, identify the municipal court that issued the notice of suspension, and inform the owner, lessee, or operator that the suspension may be avoided by contacting the municipal court that issued the notice of suspension within the 30 day period to resolve the pending parking violation.
- If an owner, lessee or operator has been found guilty of a parking offense and has failed to pay or otherwise satisfy outstanding parking fines or penalties, the court shall provide notice and an

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opportunity to appear before a judge prior to suspending that person's [driver's license or] motor vehicle registration. determining whether to suspend the person's [driver's license or the I motor vehicle registration, the judge and the commission shall take into consideration the area where the person resides and whether or not the person has access to off-street parking. accordance with section 1 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.1) and section 1 of P.L.2009, c.317 (C.2B:12-23.1), a court may permit alternatives to the payment of certain outstanding portions of parking fines and penalties based on a person's ability to pay, including allowing the payment of the fine in installments, conversion of the fine to community service, or revoking portions of the fine or penalty.

When a person whose [license or] registration has been suspended appears at court proceedings or otherwise resolves pending parking violations, or pays or otherwise satisfies all parking fines or penalties, the municipal court shall provide the person with a receipt of payment and shall give electronic notice to the commission that the person's obligations have been satisfied and the suspension ordered by the court shall not be imposed. If, prior to the effective date of the suspension by the commission, the person submits the receipt of payment to the commission or the commission receives the electronic notice stating that the person's obligations have been satisfied, the commission shall not suspend the person's [license or] registration. If the commission receives the receipt or electronic notice after the effective date of the suspension, the person shall seek the restoration of the [license or] registration through procedures adopted by the commission.

c. The commission shall keep a record of a suspension ordered by the court pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

(cf: P.L.2017, c.75, s.1)

20. Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.296 (C.39:5-30.13) is amended to read as follows:

New Jersey Motor [Vehicles] Vehicle Commission shall suspend, revoke, or postpone the driving privilege in this State for a period of [not less than] six months [or more than two years] of every person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a drug offense in any federal court or in the court of any other state, or the District of Columbia. When a person whose license is subject to suspension, revocation, or postponement under this act is less than 17 years of age, the period of suspension, revocation or postponement imposed by the [director] chief administrator shall commence immediately and shall run for a period of not less than six months or more than two years after the date the person reaches the age of 17. If the driving privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or

postponement for a violation of Title 2C or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of the imposition of suspension, revocation, or postponement under this act, the revocation, suspension, or postponement imposed herein shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing suspension, revocation, or

(cf: P.L.1993, c.296, s.2)

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(cf: P.L.2003, c.89, s.32)

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- 21. Section 27 of P.L.1952, c.174 (C.39:6-87) is amended to read as follows:
  - 27. Registration, etc. not restored until fund is reimbursed.

Where the license or privileges of any person, or the registration of a motor vehicle registered in [his] the person's name, has been suspended or cancelled under the Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law of this State, and the association has paid from the fund any amount in settlement of a claim or towards satisfaction of a judgment against that person, or for the payment of personal injury protection benefits as provided in section 7 and section 10 of this act, the cancellation or suspension shall not be removed, nor the license, privileges, or registration restored, nor shall any new license or privilege be issued or granted to, or registration be permitted to be made by, that person until [he] the person has:

- (a) Repaid in full to the association the amount [so] paid by [him] the person together with interest [thereon] at [8%] eight percent per annum from the date of [such] the payment; and
- (b) Satisfied all requirements of [said] the Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law in respect of giving proof of ability to respond in damages for future accidents, provided, that the court in which [such] the judgment was rendered may, upon 10 days' notice to the association, make an order permitting payment of the amount of [such] the person's indebtedness to the fund, to be made in installments, or in the event the fund makes personal injury protection benefit payments, [such] the person and the fund by agreement may provide for repayment to the fund to be made in installments, and in such case, [such] the person's driver's license, or [his] driving privileges, or registration certificate, if the same have been suspended or revoked, or have expired, may be restored or renewed and shall remain in effect unless and until [such] the person defaults in making any installment payment specified in [such] the order. In the event of [any such] a default, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission [shall] may upon notice of [such] the default suspend [such] the person's driver's license, or driving privileges or registration certificate until the amount of [his] the person's indebtedness to the fund has been paid in full.

22. Section 15 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-15) is amended to read as follows:

15. In any claim or action arising for benefits payable under a standard automobile insurance policy under section 4 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-4), any claim or action arising for medical expense benefits payable under a basic automobile insurance policy under section 4 of P.L.1998, c.21 (C.39:6A-3.1) or any claim or action arising for benefits payable under a special automobile insurance policy pursuant to section 45 of P.L.2003, c.89 (C.39:6A-3.3) wherein any person obtains or attempts to obtain from any other person, insurance company or Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund any money or other thing of value by (1) falsely or fraudulently representing that [such] the person is entitled to [such] the benefits; (2) falsely and fraudulently making statements or presenting documentation in order to obtain or attempt to obtain [such] the benefits; or (3) cooperates, conspires, or otherwise acts in concert with any person seeking to falsely or fraudulently obtain, or attempt to obtain, [such] the benefits may upon conviction be fined not more than [\$5,000.00] \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both, or in the event the sum [so] obtained or attempted to be obtained is not more than [\$500.00] \$500, may upon conviction, be fined not more than [\$500.00] \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, as a disorderly person.

[In addition to any penalties imposed by law, any person who is either found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of P.L.1983 c.320 (C.17:33A-1 et seq.) pertaining to automobile insurance or been convicted of any violation of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes arising out of automobile insurance fraud shall not operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of one year from the date of judgment or conviction.]

33 (cf: P.L.2003, c.89, s.58)

23. Section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2) is amended to read as follows:

2. An owner or registrant of a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State who operates or causes to be operated a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway in this State without motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required by P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.), and an operator who operates or causes a motor vehicle to be operated and who knows or should know from the attendant circumstances that the motor vehicle is without motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required by P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.) shall be subject, for the first offense, to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 and a period of community service to be determined by the court. The

1 court, in its discretion, also [shall] may suspend the person's right 2 to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a 3 period of up to one year from the date of conviction; provided, 4 however, the period of license suspension may be reduced or 5 eliminated if the person provides the court with satisfactory proof of 6 motor vehicle liability insurance at the time of the hearing. Upon 7 subsequent conviction, the person shall be subject to a fine of up to 8 \$5,000 and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term of 14 days 9 and shall be ordered by the court to perform community service for 10 a period of 30 days, which shall be of a form and on terms as the 11 court shall deem appropriate under the circumstances, and [shall 12 forfeit the person's right to operate a motor vehicle for a period of ] 13 the court, in its discretion, may suspend the person's right to 14 operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period 15 of up to two years from the date of the conviction [, and, after] . In 16 deciding the duration of the suspension of the person's right to 17 operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this section, the court shall 18 consider the circumstances of the violation and whether the loss of 19 driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available. After the expiration of 20 21 the [forfeiture] suspension, the person may make application to the 22 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission 23 for a license to operate a motor vehicle, which application may be 24 granted at the discretion of the chief administrator. The chief 25 administrator's discretion shall be based upon an assessment of the 26 likelihood that the individual will operate or cause a motor vehicle 27 to be operated in the future without the insurance coverage required 28 by this act. A complaint for violation of this act may be made to a 29 municipal court at any time within six months after the date of the 30 alleged offense. 31

Failure to produce at the time of trial an insurance identification card or an insurance policy which was in force for the time of operation for which the offense is charged creates a rebuttable presumption that the person was uninsured when charged with a violation of this section.

(cf: P.L.2013, c.237, s.1)

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- 24. Section 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. A municipality may enact an ordinance making it unlawful for any person under the legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private property. The ordinance shall provide that a violation shall be punished by a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense.
- b. The ordinance shall provide that the court may, in addition to the fine authorized for this offense, suspend or postpone for six

- months the driving privilege of the defendant. Upon the conviction of any person and the suspension or postponement of that person's driver's license, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.
- If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the division along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person, as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

If the person convicted under such an ordinance is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person and submit to the division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement. (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

- c. (1) [No] An ordinance shall <u>not</u> prohibit an underaged person from consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony, or rite or consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian, or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
  - (2) As used in this section:

"Guardian" means a person who has qualified as a guardian of the underaged person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.

"Relative" means the underaged person's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling, or any other person related by blood or affinity.

- 1 d. [No] An ordinance shall not prohibit possession of alcoholic 2 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the 3 performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 4 33 of the Revised Statutes, or while actively engaged in the 5 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel 6 management program at a county vocational school or post secondary educational institution; however, no ordinance enacted 7 8 pursuant to this section shall be construed to preclude the 9 imposition of a penalty under this section, R.S.33:1-81, or any other 10 section of law against a person who is convicted of unlawful 11 alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of 12 alcoholic beverages.
- 13 (cf: P.L.2003, c.33, s.1)

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- 25. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. a. Any owner or operator who knowingly violates the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) is guilty of a crime of the third degree.
- 20 b. The provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3 to the contrary 21 notwithstanding, any person convicted of a violation of the 22 provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) is 23 subject to a fine of not less than [\$7,500.00] \$7,500 for a first offense, not more than **[**\$10,000.00**]** \$10,000 for a second offense 24 and not more than **[**\$25,000.00**]** <u>\$25,000</u> for a third and every 25 26 subsequent offense. Each day during which the violation continues 27 constitutes an additional, separate and distinct offense.
  - c. If a person is convicted of a violation of the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1), the court shall, in addition to the penalties provided under this section, require the person to perform community service for a term of not more than 90 days [, and the person shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year ].
- d. All conveyances used or intended for use in the unlawful transportation of solid waste in violation of the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1991, c.214 (C.48:13A-12.1) are subject to forfeiture to the State pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1981, c.387 (C.13:1K-1 et seq.).
- 40 (cf: P.L.1991, c.214, s.2)

- 42 26. The following sections are repealed:
- 43 N.J.S.2B:12-31;
- 44 section 6 of P.L.1995, c.251 (C.2A:4A-43.3);
- 45 section 2 of P.L.1999, c.195 (C.2C:33-3.1); and
- 46 section 2 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.2).

1 2	27. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month next following enactment.
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5	STATEMENT
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7	This bill eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a
8	penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely
9	operating a motor vehicle. The committee substitute also grants the
10	court discretion in determining whether a driver's license
11	suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses.
12	The bill further limits the driver's license suspension required for
13	criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal
14	drugs to six months and removes the provision that a person's
15	driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance
16	of a child support-related warrant.
17	The bill eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for
18	convictions of the following crimes and offenses:
19	-any offense in which an adult or juvenile used a motor vehicle
20	in the course of committing the offense (up to two years);
21	-underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on
22	public or private property and underage purchase of alcoholic
23	beverages (six months);
24	-using a motor vehicle for prostitution (six months);
25	-certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses
26	for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the
27	defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two
28	years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);
29	-crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are
30	imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause
31	(suspension until past payments are made);
32	-underage gambling (six months);
33	-operating a vessel (boat) while intoxicated (three months to 10
34	years based on the number of offenses);
35	-illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste
36	vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);
37	-failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension
38	until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an
39	installment payment plan is established);
40	-illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a
41	motor vehicle (two years);
42	-abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);
43	-failure to respond to a failure to appear notice or failure to pay a
44	parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied);
45	-automobile insurance fraud (two years);

-failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);

-an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);

-initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months); and

-failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense.

Under the committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-carjacking by a juvenile (up to two years); the court is to consider the circumstances of the offense and the potential effect of the loss of driving privileges on the juvenile's ability to be rehabilitated;

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses); in deciding the duration of the suspension, the court is to consider the circumstances of the offense and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available;

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-failure to surrender registration and plates after cancellation of motor vehicle liability insurance;

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid); and

-failure to have compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance (two years); in deciding the length of the suspension, the court is to consider the circumstances of the violation and whether the loss of driving privileges will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of transportation are not available.

The bill further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The bill limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law.

Finally, the bill removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

According to the sponsor, driver's licenses should not be suspended for an offense unrelated to the ability to safely operate a

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- 1 motor vehicle. The reentry efforts of ex-offenders are impeded by
- 2 the loss of a driver's license imposed as a collateral consequence
- 3 due to the resulting difficulty in remaining employed, attending
- 4 school, and obtaining necessary drug and alcohol treatment. Efforts
- 5 by those attempting to pay back child support arrearages also are
- 6 thwarted when their driver's licenses are suspended. Driver's
- 7 license suspension not only harms the ex-offender and child support
- 8 obligor, but also his or her family, and the community.

#### ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 5191

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191.

As reported by the committee, the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle. The committee substitute also grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses.

The committee substitute eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for convictions of the following crimes and offenses:

-underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on private property and underage purchase of alcoholic beverages (six months);

-certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);

-crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause (suspension until past payments are made);

- -underage gambling (six months);
- -illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);
- -failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an installment payment plan is established);
- -simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle (six months);
  - -abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);
- -failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);

-an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);

-initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months);

-failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense; and

-failure to pay motor vehicle liability insurance premiums.

Under the committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-carjacking by a juvenile (up to two years);

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses)

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid);

-illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance, other than simple possession, in a motor vehicle (six months); and

-failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied).

The committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The committee substitute limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law. The committee substitute eliminates the provision under current law that a person's driver's license is to be suspended by operation of law for offenses involving simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to N.J.S.A.2C:35-10.

Additionally, the committee substitute removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The substitute further authorizes a restricted use driver's license endorsement for drivers who have lost their driving privileges for failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failing to pay a parking judgment.

A restricted use driver's license endorsement, as established by the substitute, authorizes the person whose license is suspended to operate a motor vehicle during the suspension period exclusively between the person's residence and the person's place of employment, an accredited educational institution, a mandated treatment program, a

health care facility, or a child care facility; or in the person's course of employment when operating a motor vehicle is necessary in order to perform the duties of the person's primary employment.

As reported by the committee, this Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191 is identical to the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (1R), as amended and reported by the committee on this date.

#### ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 5191

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5191 (ACS), with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspension as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle. The amended committee substitute also grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain other crimes and offenses.

The amended committee substitute eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for convictions of the following crimes and offenses:

-underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on private property and underage purchase of alcoholic beverages (six months);

-certain disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offenses for controlled dangerous substance violations for which the defendant was placed on supervisory treatment (six months to two years unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception);

-underage gambling (six months);

-illegal disposal of solid waste or illegal use of a solid waste vehicle to transport fresh food (six months to one year);

-failure to pay motor vehicle violation surcharges (suspension until five percent of the outstanding surcharges is paid or an installment payment plan is established);

-abandoning a motor vehicle on a highway (two to five years);

-failure to appear in municipal court (suspension until matter is adjudicated) or failure to satisfy a condition of the sentence, such as pay an assessed fine or perform community service (suspension until condition is satisfied);

-an act of graffiti committed by a person between 13 and 18 years old (one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense);

-initiating a false public alarm committed by a juvenile (six months);

-failure of an indigent defendant to comply with terms of an installment payment plan for a motor vehicle traffic violation or parking offense; and

-failure to pay motor vehicle liability insurance premiums.

Under the amended committee substitute, the court is granted discretion in imposing a driver's license suspension as a penalty for a conviction of the following crimes and offenses:

-use of a motor vehicle by a juvenile the course of committing a crime;

-crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause (suspension until past payments are made);

-theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle (one to 10 years depending on number of offenses)

-selling, making, or possessing a false driver's license, birth certificate, or other government document to prove identity or age (six months to two years);

-defaulting on certain financial obligations to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund (until repaid);

-illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance, other than simple possession, in a motor vehicle (six months); and

-failure to respond to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failure to pay a parking judgment (suspension until payment is satisfied).

The amended committee substitute further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The committee substitute limits the suspension to six months, which complies with federal law. The amended committee substitute also eliminates the provision under current law that a person's driver's license is to be suspended by operation of law for offenses involving simple possession of a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to N.J.S.2C:35-10.

Additionally, the committee substitute removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The amended committee substitute also limits driver's license suspensions for automobile insurance fraud if the fraud is related to a claim for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

As reported by the committee, the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5191 is identical to the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1080 (2R), which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee amended the Assembly committee substitute to:

- (1) require the court, prior to suspending the driver's license of a juvenile for an offense in which the juvenile used a motor vehicle in the course of committing the offense, to consider the circumstances of the act for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent;
- (2) make license suspensions discretionary for crimes for which certain fines, assessments, or restitution are imposed and the defendant is in default without good cause;
- (3) limit driver's license suspensions for automobile insurance fraud to fraudulent activity based on a claim for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident;
- (4) eliminate the provisions of the substitute bill which authorize a restricted use driver's license endorsement for certain drivers; and
  - (5) make technical changes to the bill.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that the bill will potentially decrease the following revenues by indeterminate amounts: a) annual Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) administrative fee collections; and b) annual State, county, and municipal motor vehicle traffic fine collections. The OLS anticipates an indeterminate expenditure decrease in annual MVC and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administrative expenses. Further, the OLS anticipates an indeterminate annual Superior and municipal court expenditure increase.

The OLS does not have access to detailed information related to the number of driver's license suspensions that may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, the OLS estimates there will be a reduction in the overall number of driver's license suspensions and thus a reduction in corresponding State, county, and municipal revenues. According to recent MVC reports, there were there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020.

The OLS recognizes that driver's license suspensions may be deterrents to committing certain crimes or offenses and incentivizes motorists to pay certain fees or fines. The OLS estimates that the elimination of the deterrent may result in decreased State, county, and municipal revenues, other than revenue from driver's license suspensions; however, it is uncertain to what extent.

#### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

#### ASSEMBLY, No. 5191

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed by Assemblyman KENNEDY)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 25, 2019

The Assembly Committee Substitute (1R) for Assembly Bill No. 5191 concerns driver's license suspensions for certain crimes and offenses.

These Assembly amendments eliminate the driver's license suspension required under current law for certain criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court, as well as mandatory driver's license suspensions for the illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. The amendments also remove the provisions of the bill which eliminate driver's license suspensions related to motor vehicle surcharges and non-payment of insurance premiums.

Federal law requires a six-month suspension to be imposed for drug offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. Current State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, and two years for illegal possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. The Assembly amendments eliminate the driver's license suspension for both of these categories of drug offenses.

In order to avoid a conflict with federal law, the Assembly amendments provide that the provisions of the bill which eliminate driver's license suspensions for drug offenses are effective upon the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98 and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 248, and submission of the certification of the Governor to the United States Secretary of Transportation stating that: (1) the Governor is opposed to the enactment or enforcement of a law requiring driver's license suspension for drug offenses as set forth in 23 U.S.C. s.159(a)(3)(A); and (2) both Houses of the Legislature have adopted a resolution expressing their opposition to the enactment or enforcement of this federal mandate in accordance with 23 U.S.C. s.159.

In addition, the Assembly amendments reinstate current law, which provides for a driver's license suspension if a driver fails to pay a motor vehicle surcharge imposed for the accumulation of six or more motor vehicle points during the preceding 36-month period, a conviction for unsafe driving, or a conviction for driving while intoxicated. The suspended driver's license would not be restored

until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge assessment resulting in a suspension has been paid, or installment payments established by the Motor Vehicle Commission are paid.

The Assembly amendments also reinstate current law which provides that a person's driver's license is to be suspended upon cancellation of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy based on non-payment of the premium.

#### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

#### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5191 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

#### **SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Concerns driver's license suspension and restricted use driver's

license endorsement for certain crimes and offenses; removes

automatic suspension for child support arrearages.

**Type of Impact:** Annual State Expenditure Decrease; Annual Superior and Municipal

Court Expenditure Increase; Annual State, County, and Municipal

Revenue Decrease.

Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation; Motor Vehicle Commission;

Administrative Office of the Courts; Counties and Municipalities.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 2 and Thereafter
State Expenditure Decrease	Indeterminate
Superior and Municipal Court Expenditure	
Increase	Indeterminate
State, County, Municipal Revenue Decrease	Indeterminate

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- The OLS does not have access to detailed information related to the number of driver's license suspensions that may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, the OLS estimates there will be a reduction in the overall number of driver's license suspensions and thus a reduction in corresponding State, county, and municipal revenues. According to recent MVC reports, there were there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal



Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020.

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#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This legislation eliminates certain mandatory driver's license suspensions as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle and grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed.

The legislation limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, except for simple possession, to six months and eliminates suspension for simple possession. The bill removes the provision that require a person's driver's license to be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The legislation further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. Current State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The legislation limits the suspension to six months, except for single possession. The bill also authorizes a restricted use driver's license endorsement for individuals who have lost their driving privileges for not responding to a failure to appear notice for a parking summons or failing to pay a parking judgment.

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

#### OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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According to recent MVC reports, there were 660,046 driver's license suspension orders issued in FY 2017 and 635,171 suspension orders in FY 2018 through the AOC, the Superior and municipal Courts, and through Uninsured Motorist Suspensions. It is estimated there were 662,784 suspension orders in FY 2019 and that there will be 661,761 in FY 2020. The MVC

BB104 Annual Document provided in response to FY 2020 OLS Discussion Points is the source for this information.

State Expenditure Decrease: The OLS does not have access to detailed information on the number of driver's license suspensions which may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, a decrease in certain driver's license suspensions may decrease the MVC's and AOC's annual administrative workload. The OLS, however, does not have pertinent information to determine the scale of the decrease or details of how the MVC's and AOC's existing resources will be affected.

<u>Superior and Municipal Court Expenditure Increase:</u> As the legislation grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed for certain crimes and offenses rather than a mandatory driver's license suspension, the OLS estimates there may be an annual administrative workload increase. The OLS does not have information to determine the degree to which the workload would be increased and whether or not the Superior and municipal courts will be able to absorb the additional workload within their resources.

State, County, and Municipal Revenue Decrease: The legislation will potentially decrease annual State, county, and municipal revenue collections from fewer summonses that would have resulted in fees for suspended licenses, and fines for violations of driving on a suspended license. Revenue from summonses is divided evenly between the State, county, and municipality in which the violation occurred. The OLS cannot quantify annual State, county, and municipal fees and fine collection, as the amounts will depend on the number, circumstances, and types of violations that are subject to summonses as well as the ability of the State, counties, and municipalities to collect these outstanding liabilities.

The OLS estimates there will be a decrease in MVC revenue from restoration fees as the MVC requires payment of a \$100 fee for the restoration of any license or registration that has been suspended or revoked pursuant to any law or regulation. Although the OLS estimates a loss in revenue to the MVC from driver's license restoration, the OLS cannot quantify the revenue decrease amount.

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#### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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#### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5191 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 26, 2019

#### **SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Concerns driver's license suspension for certain crimes and

offenses.

**Type of Impact:** Annual State Expenditure Decrease; Annual Superior and Municipal

Court Expenditure Increase; Annual State, County, and Municipal

Revenue Decrease.

Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation; Motor Vehicle Commission;

Administrative Office of the Courts; Counties and Municipalities.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 2 and Thereafter
State Expenditure Decrease	Indeterminate
Superior and Municipal Court Expenditure	
Increase	Indeterminate
State, County, Municipal Revenue Decrease	Indeterminate

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that the elimination of the deterrent may result in decreased State, county, and municipal
revenues, other than revenue from driver's license suspensions; however, it is uncertain to what
extent.

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This legislation eliminates certain mandatory driver's license suspensions as a penalty for various crimes and offenses unrelated to safely operating a motor vehicle and grants the court discretion in determining whether a driver's license suspension should be imposed.

The legislation limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, except for simple possession, to six months and eliminates suspension for simple possession. The bill removes the provision that require a person's driver's license to be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant. The court retains discretion to suspend the person's driver's license if, after notice and a hearing, the court finds that suspension is warranted.

The legislation further limits the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs in a State court, court in another state, or federal court. Federal law requires a six-month suspension be imposed for these offenses to avoid withholding of highway funds. Current State law authorizes a suspension of six months to two years. The legislation limits the suspension to six months, except for simple possession which would not result in a suspension.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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State Expenditure Decrease: The OLS does not have access to detailed information on the number of driver's license suspensions which may be affected by the provisions of this legislation; however, a decrease in certain driver's license suspensions may decrease the MVC's and AOC's annual administrative workload. The OLS, however, does not have pertinent information to determine the scale of the decrease or details of how the MVC's and AOC's existing resources will be affected.

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State, County, and Municipal Revenue Decrease: The legislation will result in fewer summonses that would result in fewer fees for suspended licenses and fines for violations of driving on a suspended license. Accordingly, the legislation will potentially decrease annual State, county, and municipal revenue collections. Revenue from summonses is divided evenly between the State, county, and municipality in which the violation occurred. The OLS cannot quantify annual State, county, and municipal fees and fine collection, as the amounts will depend on the number, circumstances, and types of violations that are subject to summonses as well as the ability of the State, counties, and municipalities to collect these outstanding liabilities.

The MVC currently requires payment of a \$100 fee for the restoration of any license or registration that has been suspended or revoked pursuant to any law or regulation. As the bill would eliminate or reduce the need for license restorations the OLS estimates there will be a decrease in MVC revenue from the restoration fees. Although the OLS estimates a loss in revenue to the MVC from driver's license restoration, the OLS cannot quantify the revenue decrease amount.

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# Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Eliminating the Use of Mandatory Driver's License Suspensions as a Penalty for Certain Non-Moving Offenses

12/20/2019

**TRENTON** – Governor Phil Murphy today signed S1080, which eliminates the use of mandatory driver's license suspensions as a penalty for certain non-moving offenses.

"Driver's licenses suspensions for reasons unrelated to moving offenses are often overly punitive and can have a disproportionate financial impact on many working-class and minority families." **said Governor Murphy.** "A stronger and fairer New Jersey includes adapting our laws to support working families and not act against them."

"I agree with American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators that we should not be suspending driver licenses for offenses unrelated to driving," **said Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton.** "Whether you're going to work, a doctor's appointment or taking children to school, a driver's license is a tool – a permit to drive on our public roads. It is no more nor less than a way for us to keep our roads and drivers safe."

S1080 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspensions for certain non-moving violations. The law also repeals the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs and removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant.

Primary sponsors of the bill include Senators Shirley Turner, Nicholas Scutari, and Assemblymembers James J. Kennedy, Eliana Pintor Marin, and Verlina Reynolds-Jackson.

"For far too long, our policies have penalized people with the loss of their driver licenses for offenses unrelated to driving or road safety, or because they are too poor to afford to pay their fines or surcharges," **said Senator Turner**. "A driver's license is needed to commute to and from work, but many jobs also require a valid driver's license just to apply. Suspending a person's license is counterproductive. We want our residents to have their driver's licenses so they can work and earn a living, pay off their fines, penalties and surcharges, take their children to school and doctor's appointments, and be productive citizens. Driver license suspensions only exacerbate income inequality and now our lower-income citizens will be on the road to economic recovery. The governor's signing this bill is an important step in the fight for economic and social justice."

"The punishment of a suspended driver's license for certain crimes and offenses, such as a failure to pay a fine, doesn't make any sense," **said Senator Scutari.** "We want people to be able to get to work and earn a paycheck so they can get ahead and actually pay their fines. This law eliminates the barriers preventing them from doing so."

"Driver's licenses should not be suspended for an offense unrelated to the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle," **said Assemblyman Kennedy.** "We've seen too many people get caught up in the vicious cycle of not being able to get a license because they can't pay fines, but they can't get to and from work to earn money to pay the fines if they can't get a license."

"I have personally heard horror stories from New Jerseyans who paid their motor vehicle fines, but didn't know they also owed late fees and then had their licenses suspended," **explained Assemblywoman Pintor Marin**. "It's just wrong to take someone's license away and make it extremely difficult for them to get to their jobs over fees, that in some cases are less than ten dollars. This law rights that wrong."

"Before today, a person in New Jersey could actually lose their driver's license for one year for an act of graffiti they may have committed when they were 13-years-old, years before they could legally get a license," **said Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson.** "Its idiotic scenarios like this that the law seeks to address."

"This bill is very important, way past due, as too many individuals, especially males, have been unfairly penalized for small possessions," said Reverend Dr. Bryant Ali, Senior Pastor at the New Psalmist Worship Center. "They have walked around for years, unable to work or driven illegally to get to work. Yes, this is a great bill!"