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NJSA: 39:5-53 (Persons with diplomatic immunity – traffic incidents)

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SPONSOR(S) DeCroce and Bodine

DATE INTRODUCED: March 18, 2002

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Transportation

SENATE: ----

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: December 12, 2002

SENATE: January 23, 2003

DATE OF APPROVAL: February 27, 2003

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (1st reprint enacted)

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

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SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

<u>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE</u>: <u>Yes</u>

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SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2068

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes

Identical to Assembly Statement for A2068

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: Yes

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 23, approved February 27, 2003 Assembly, No. 2068 (First Reprint)

1 **AN ACT** concerning diplomatic immunity for certain offenses and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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- 1. As used in this this act:
- "Motor vehicle moving violation" means any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State for which motor vehicle points are assessed by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5).
- "Person with diplomatic immunity" means a person who displays to a law enforcement officer a driver's license issued by the United States Department of State or who otherwise claims immunities or privileges under Title 22, chapter 6 of the United States Code.

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- 2. Whenever a person with diplomatic immunity is stopped by a State, county or municipal law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that the person has violated N.J.S.2C:11-5 ¹[or] . subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, ¹R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) or section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2), or
- has committed a motor vehicle moving violation, the law enforcement officer shall:
- a. As soon as practicable, contact the United States Department of
 State office to verify the driver's status and immunity;
- b. Record all relevant information from the person's driver's license
 or identification card, including a driver's license or identification card
 issued by the United States Department of State;
- c. Within five working days after the date of the stop, forward tothe Division of Motor Vehicles the following information:
- 31 (1) A vehicle accident report if the person was involved in an 32 accident;
- 33 (2) A copy of any citation or other charging document that was 34 issued, if any; and
- 35 (3) A written report describing the incident if no citation or charging document was issued.

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3. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall:

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted October 24, 2002.

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1	a. Keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging		
2	document, and incident report received by law enforcement officers		
3	pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act;		
4	b. Send copies of the reports and documents specified in subsection		
5	a. of this section to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of		
6	Foreign Missions in the United States Department of State.		
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8	4. The provisions of this act do not prohibit or limit the application		
9	of any law to a criminal or motor vehicle violation by a person who		
10	claims immunities or privileges under Title 22 of the United States		
11	Code.		
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13	5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month		
14	following enactment.		
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19	Requires law enforcement officers and DMV to notify U.S.		
20	Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are		
21	involved in certain traffic incidents.		

ASSEMBLY, No. 2068

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 2002

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman ALEX DECROCE
District 26 (Morris and Passaic)
Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE
District 8 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement officers and DMV to notify U.S. Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are involved in certain traffic incidents.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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- 2. Whenever a person with diplomatic immunity is stopped by a State, county or municipal law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that the person has violated N.J.S.2C:11-5 or subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or has committed a motor vehicle moving violation, the law enforcement officer shall:
- a. As soon as practicable, contact the United States Department of 22 State office to verify the driver's status and immunity; 23
 - b. Record all relevant information from the person's driver's license or identification card, including a driver's license or identification card issued by the United States Department of State;
- 27 c. Within five working days after the date of the stop, forward to the Division of Motor Vehicles the following information: 28
- 29 (1) A vehicle accident report if the person was involved in an 30 accident;
- (2) A copy of any citation or other charging document that was 31 32 issued, if any; and
- (3) A written report describing the incident if no citation or 33 charging document was issued. 34

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- 3. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall:
- 37 a. Keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging document, and incident report received by law enforcement officers 38 39 pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act;
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This bill would impose reporting requirements on law enforcement officers and the Division of Motor Vehicles concerning persons with diplomatic immunity who are stopped for certain traffic offenses.

13 Specifically, the bill would require State, county and municipal law 14 enforcement officers to take certain actions when they have probable 15 cause to believe a driver claiming diplomatic immunity has committed vehicular homicide under N.J.S.2C:11-5, assault by auto under 16 17 subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1 or a motor vehicle moving violation. The police officer making the stop would be required to contact the 18 19 United States Department of State as soon as practicable to verify the 20 driver's status and immunity. The police officer also would be 21 required to record all relevant information from the person's driver's 22 license or identification card, including a driver's license or 23 identification card issued by the United States Department of State. Within five working days after the date of the stop, the police officer 24 25 would be required to forward to the Division of Motor Vehicles in the 26 State Department of Transportation the vehicle accident report if the 27 person was involved in an accident; a copy of the traffic citation if one 28 was issued; and a written report describing the incident if no citation 29 was issued.

The bill also would require the Division of Motor Vehicles to keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging document, and incident report received from police officers who stop persons with diplomatic immunity for the offenses enumerated in the bill. The division would be required to send copies of these reports and documents to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, in the United States Department of State.

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Under international law, diplomatic and consular officers of foreign governments are accorded certain privileges and immunities while stationed in a host country. For example, diplomatic agents and their families are not subject to the jurisdiction of the host country's courts and may not be arrested or prosecuted for criminal offenses. There have been highly publicized cases in which foreign diplomats have committed serious offenses while driving in the United States, such as vehicular homicide, but avoided prosecution based on this immunity. However, the United States Department of State may take actions against these diplomats, such as rescinding their driver's licenses or

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- 1 requiring them to leave the country. This bill would ensure that the
- 2 Department of State is notified when diplomats or consuls with
- 3 immunity are involved in certain traffic incidents so that the
- 4 department may take appropriate action against these offenders.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2068

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2002

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2068.

This amended bill would impose reporting requirements on law enforcement officers and the Division of Motor Vehicles concerning persons with diplomatic immunity who are stopped for certain traffic offenses.

Specifically, the amended bill would require State, county and municipal law enforcement officers to take certain actions when they have probable cause to believe a driver claiming diplomatic immunity has committed vehicular homicide under N.J.S.2C:11-5, assault by auto under subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, was operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol under R.S. 39:4-50, refused to undergo a breathalyser test under P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) or failed to carry liability insurance under section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2) or a motor vehicle moving violation. The police officer making the stop would be required to contact the United States Department of State as soon as practicable to verify the driver's status and immunity. The police officer also would be required to record all relevant information from the person's driver's license or identification card, including a driver's license or identification card issued by the United States Department of State. Within five working days after the date of the stop, the police officer would be required to forward to the Division of Motor Vehicles in the State Department of Transportation the vehicle accident report if the person was involved in an accident; a copy of the traffic citation if one was issued; and a written report describing the incident if no citation was issued.

The bill also would require the Division of Motor Vehicles to keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging document, and incident report received from police officers who stop persons with diplomatic immunity for the offenses enumerated in the bill. The division would be required to send copies of these reports and documents to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, in the United States Department of State.

Under international law, diplomatic and consular officers of foreign governments are accorded certain privileges and immunities while stationed in a host country. For example, diplomatic agents and their families are not subject to the jurisdiction of the host country's courts and may not be arrested or prosecuted for criminal offenses. There have been highly publicized cases in which foreign diplomats have committed serious offenses while driving in the United States, such as vehicular homicide, but avoided prosecution based on this immunity. However, the United States Department of State may take actions against these diplomats, such as rescinding their driver's licenses or requiring them to leave the country. This bill would ensure that the Department of State is notified when diplomats or consuls with immunity are involved in certain traffic incidents so that the department may take appropriate action against these offenders.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to add driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, refusal to undergo a breathalyser test or failure to carry liability insurance to the list of offenses covered under the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2068 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 13, 2003

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires law enforcement officers and DMV to notify U.S.

Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are

involved in certain traffic incidents.

Type of Impact: None.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police,

Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
State Cost	\$28,999	\$44,666	\$47,766

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
State Cost	None	None	None

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) does not concur with the Executive estimate.
- ! The current number of incidents of individuals with diplomatic immunity who are stopped for certain traffic offenses is between 20-25 per year.
- ! Requires law enforcement officers to record all relevant information from the person's driver's license or identification card and within five working days forward the information to the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation.
- ! Requires DMV to notify the U.S. Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are involved in certain traffic incidents, as well as maintain records of each accident report, citation, or other charging document.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 2068 (1R) of 2002 requires law enforcement officers and the DMV to notify the U.S. Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are involved in



certain traffic incidents. The bill requires certain actions to be taken by State, county and municipal law enforcement officers when they have probable cause to believe a driver claiming diplomatic immunity has committed one or more of the following offenses: 1) vehicular homicide; 2) assault by auto; 3) operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; 4) refusing to undergo a breathalyser test; 5) failing to carry liability insurance; or 6) committing a motor vehicle moving violation.

The bill also requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging documents, and incident reports received from police officers who stop persons with diplomatic immunity for the offenses enumerated in the bill. The division would be required to send copies of these reports and documents to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, in the United States Department of State.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Transportation estimated that the enactment of this bill would cost \$28,999 in the first year. This figure includes the salary of a support service employee, at \$18,249; fringe benefits at \$4,681; materials and supplies, at \$469; services other than personnel, at \$3,000; and office space, at \$2,600. After adjustment for inflation and estimation of increased incident reports, DMV estimated the cost of this bill at \$44,666 and \$47,766, in the second and third years, respectively.

The DMV stated they are under staffed and there is no one currently performing this task, thus the division would have to hire one additional staff person. DMV also stated the bill would be less costly if the law enforcement officer could submit the documents directly to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Through information provided informally from the Division of Motor Vehicles, it was stated that the occurrences of instances is minimal (between 20 and 25 annually). Furthermore, the Attorney General's Office, informally stated that the cost to the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety is minimal.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) does not concur with the Executive estimate. OLS estimates that there is no cost to implement the provisions of this bill because the anticipated number of instances would be minimal and cost to monitor could be absorbed within the existing staff.

Section: Law and Public Safety

Analyst: Kristin A. Brunner,

Assistant Fiscal Analyst

Approved: Alan R. Kooney

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 1158

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement officers and DMV to notify U.S. Department of State when persons with diplomatic immunity are involved in certain traffic incidents.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/26/2002)

S1158 ALLEN, SACCO

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44 4. The provisions of this act do not prohibit or limit the application 45 of any law to a criminal or motor vehicle violation by a person who 46 claims immunities or privileges under Title 22 of the United States 1 Code.

5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month following enactment.

STATEMENT

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1158

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2002

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1158.

This amended bill would impose reporting requirements on law enforcement officers and the Division of Motor Vehicles concerning persons with diplomatic immunity who are stopped for certain traffic offenses.

Specifically, the amended bill would require State, county and municipal law enforcement officers to take certain actions when they have probable cause to believe a driver claiming diplomatic immunity has committed vehicular homicide under N.J.S.2C:11-5, assault by auto under subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, was operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol under R.S.39:4-50, refused to undergo a breathalyser test under P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a) or failed to carry liability insurance under section 2 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-2) or a motor vehicle moving violation. The police officer making the stop would be required to contact the United States Department of State as soon as practicable to verify the driver's status and immunity. The police officer also would be required to record all relevant information from the person's driver's license or identification card, including a driver's license or identification card issued by the United States Department of State. Within five working days after the date of the stop, the police officer would be required to forward to the Division of Motor Vehicles in the State Department of Transportation the vehicle accident report if the person was involved in an accident; a copy of the traffic citation if one was issued; and a written report describing the incident if no citation was issued.

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FISCAL NOTE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1158 STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2003

SUMMARY

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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Section: Law and Public Safety

Analyst: Kristin A. Brunner,

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Approved: Alan R. Kooney

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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