

CHAPTER 23

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

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

C.39:5-53 Definitions relative to diplomatic immunity for certain offenses.

1. As used in 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.

C.39:5-54 Procedure for law enforcement officer stopping person with diplomatic immunity.

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, subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, R.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),r 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 to the Division of Motor Vehicles the following information:

(1) A vehicle accident report if the person was involved in an accident;

(2) A copy of any citation or other charging document that was issued, if any; and

(3) A written report describing the incident if no citation or charging document was issued.

C.39:5-55 Records kept, forwarded by DMV.

3. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall:

a. Keep records of each accident report, citation or other charging document, and incident report received by law enforcement officers pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act;

b. Send copies of the reports and documents specified in subsection a. of this section to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions in the United States Department of State.

C.39:5-56 Other laws unaffected.

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

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

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