

## CHAPTER 280

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle registration and amending P.L.1985, c.14.

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

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

C.39:4-139.10 Failure to respond, pay parking judgment, penalties.

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 an owner, lessee or operator has been found guilty of a parking offense, 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. If the owner, lessee or operator is found by the court to be indigent or is participating in a government-based income maintenance program, that person shall be permitted to pay the parking fine and other penalties in installments in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.1).

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

2. Section 10 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.11) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:4-139.11 Restoration of driver's license, registration after satisfaction of fines and penalties; recordation.

10. a. When a person whose license or motor vehicle registration has been suspended pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.14 (C.39:4-139.10) satisfies the fines and any penalties imposed by the court, the court shall forward to the commission a notice to restore the person's driver's license or motor vehicle registration.

b. Upon receiving a notice to restore pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the commission shall record the restoration and notify the person of the restoration.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after enactment.

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