

CHAPTER 239

AN ACT requiring the MVC to conduct a study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses.

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

1. a. Within one year of the effective date of P.L.2015, c.239, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, shall prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) a report concerning the feasibility of electronic driver's licenses.

The report shall describe the findings of the commission concerning the cost and resources required, advantages and disadvantages, privacy, security issues, use by law enforcement, and any other concerns related to the issuance of electronic driver's licenses by the commission. The report shall also include an assessment of the means of issuing electronic driver's licenses through a mobile application, and accessibility thereof.

b. The report shall make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature concerning the development and publication of a mobile application for the issuance and use of electronic driver's licenses. The recommendations shall provide information related to the fiscal implications, such as: the cost, savings, and efficiencies of creating electronic driver's licenses; keeping personal identifying information secure; whether charges should be assessed upon drivers for electronic driver's licenses or the use of an application; and the anticipated amount of time necessary for effective implementation.

c. As used in this section:

"Application" means a program downloaded onto and used in conjunction with a mobile electronic communication device, and available through multiple software platforms.

"Mobile electronic communication device" means any mobile device capable of communication or other transmission of information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone, wireless tablet, or other device with Internet capability, or other wireless communication device.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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