

CHAPTER 299

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle documents of deployed military personnel and immediate family members, and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.39:3-11.5a Renewal of certain documents by deployed military personnel, families.

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, any active duty member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, may renew a driver's license, non-driver identification card, or motor vehicle registration certificate during the six months preceding the member's scheduled date of deployment to a location outside of New Jersey.

b. The driver's license or non-driver identification card of any active duty member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, or the registration certificate of a motor vehicle registered to that person, shall remain valid upon demobilization or return from duty, for a period of no more than 90 days. The chief administrator shall determine the appropriate documentation a person is required to possess for the driver's license, non-driver identification card, or motor vehicle registration to be deemed valid during this period.

c. A person renewing a driver's license, non-driver identification card, or motor vehicle registration pursuant to this section shall submit proof satisfactory to the chief administrator of the member's deployment to a location outside of New Jersey.

d. As used in this act, "immediate family" means a spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, child, stepchild, or other person under the legal guardianship of the active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

C.39:8-3.1 Inspection of certain vehicles owned by active duty military.

2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, a passenger automobile registered in accordance with R.S.39:3-4 or R.S.39:3-27, owned by an active duty member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and any person in the member's immediate family, may be inspected during the six months preceding the member's scheduled date of deployment to a location outside of New Jersey.

b. Prior to deployment, any certificate of approval or rejection sticker issued upon inspection shall remain valid for 90 days following the owner's demobilization or return from duty. The chief administrator shall determine the appropriate documentation a person is required to possess for the inspection certificate of approval or rejection sticker to be deemed valid during this period.

c. After demobilization or return from duty, an active duty member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, shall within 90 days have a motor vehicle with an expired certificate of approval or rejection sticker inspected. Any person who is issued a rejection sticker as a result of this inspection shall make any adjustment, correction, or repair to the vehicle within 90 days. The chief administrator shall determine the appropriate documentation a person is required to possess for the rejection sticker to be deemed valid during this period.

d. As used in this act, "immediate family" means the same as the term is defined in section 1 of P.L.2015, c.299 (C.39:3-11.5a).

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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