

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MUNICIPAL COURTS – DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS NOT AVAILABLE FOR NON-PARKING VIOLATIONS; RELAXATION OF RULE 7:8-9(b)

The Supreme Court has relaxed and supplemented Rule 7:8-9(b) (“Driving Privileges; Report to Motor Vehicle Commission”) so as to conform to L. 2019, c. 276, §20, which repealed N.J.S.A. 2B:12-31 and thereby eliminated the authority for municipal courts to issue driver’s license suspensions for failures to appear for non-parking violations.

The Court’s December 11, 2020 Order is attached. The relaxation takes effect on January 1, 2021, consistent with the effective date of the legislation, and will remain in effect pending development and adoption of conforming rule amendments.

Questions may be directed to Assistant Director for Municipal Court Services Steven A. Somogyi at (609) 815-2900 x54850.

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Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

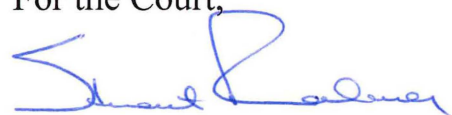
Dated: December 11, 2020

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that effective January 1, 2021, the provisions of Rule 7:8-9(b) ("Driving Privileges; Report to Motor Vehicle Commission") of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are supplemented and relaxed as follows:

1. Consistent with L. 2019, c. 276, §20, which repealed N.J.S.A. 2B:12-31 effective January 1, 2021, municipal courts shall not issue a driver's license suspension or a prohibition against obtaining driving privileges based on a person's failure to appear for any non-parking violation, specifically (a) a disorderly persons offense; (b) a petty disorderly person offense; (c) a violation of a municipal ordinance; or (d) any other law of this State for which a penalty may be imposed.
2. The provisions of this order shall remain in effect pending adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: December 11, 2020