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## NOTICE

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY EMPLOYEES APPLYING FOR AN AMBER WARNING LIGHT PERMIT

Beginning February 1, 2009, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-54.24, an authorized employee of a public utility company can apply for a permit to display an amber warning light that is provided by the public utility company on a motor vehicle owned or leased by him or her or a member of his or her family when he or she is required to use the motor vehicle in the performance of his or her official duties. Each applicant must follow the requirements set forth by law (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-54.24) applicable to the use of the amber warning light including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. An authorized employee of a public utility company may apply for an amber warning light permit for a motor vehicle owned or leased by him or her or a member of his or her family for use when that motor vehicle is being used by the authorized employee on a public highway in the performance of his or her official duties as a public utility employee.
- 2. The amber warning light permit application must be signed by both the employee and an authorized signatory of the public utility company. The application must list the following information regarding the vehicle(s) intended to be used:
  - i. Make, Model, Year
  - ii. Registered owner or lessee
  - iii. Relationship of owner or lessee to the applicant
  - iv. License Plate number
- 3. An initial application fee of \$25 must be paid by the applicant to the Motor Vehicle Commission for each vehicle for which the applicant seeks the issuance of the amber warning light permit and for each subsequent renewal of the permit. The amber warning light permit is valid for a period of four years or until the employee's termination of employment that qualified him or her for the permit, whichever period is shorter.
- 4. The amber warning light permit must be in the possession of the public utility employee when the amber light is displayed on the motor vehicle.
- 5. The amber warning light must be a temporarily attached, removable light of the flashing or revolving type, not more than 7 ½ inches in diameter, and must be controlled by a switch installed inside of the vehicle.
- 6. While in operation, the amber warning light must be conspicuously displayed on the roof of the motor vehicle.
- 7. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-54.25, the authorized pubic utility employee may affix on the motor vehicle a magnetic sign, provided by the public utility company, which displays the corporate logo of the public utility company. This sign must be affixed to the exterior of the front driver's side door. This sign may only be displayed while the motor vehicle is being used on a public highway by the authorized public utility employee in the performance of his or her official duties, and shall be removed from the motor vehicle when the vehicle is not being used in the performance of these duties.
- 8. Any person authorized to display and operate an amber warning light must drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and must obey the traffic laws of the State of New Jersey.
- Any person authorized to display an amber warning light or magnetic sign pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-54.24 and 39:3-54.25, who willfully uses the light or displays the sign in violation of the provisions of the above referenced laws, shall be liable for a penalty of up to \$100 and his or her permit to display the light may be cancelled, suspended, or revoked.

Questions related to this Notice may be directed to the Business Licensing Services Bureau, at (609) 292-6500 # 5014.