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## Replacement Keys – New Jersey Legislation Requiring Various Forms Of Identification

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### Issue:

Recently enacted New Jersey legislation, effective September 3, 2003 (2003 NJ SB 2591 Final Legislation), prohibits production of a key based on a motor vehicle identification number alone without certain identification.

### CHAPTER 170

An Act concerning motor vehicles and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

Be It Enacted *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*  
C.2C:40-23 Production, delivery of ignition key, documentation required.

1. a. No person shall produce and deliver an ignition key or other device designed to operate a lock or locks on a motor vehicle or start a motor vehicle to any person on the basis of a motor vehicle identification number without obtaining and making a record of:
    - (1) proof that the person requesting the ignition key or other device is the owner or lessee of the vehicle, or is a member of the same household as the owner or lessee of the vehicle, and which, at a minimum, shall include one of the following: a valid motor vehicle registration certificate, a valid insurance identification card, a valid insurance policy or a certificate of ownership; and
    - (2) identification of the person requesting the ignition key or other device, which identification shall include a photograph of the person.
  - b. The records made pursuant to the requirements of subsection a. of this section shall be retained for five years.
  - c. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deny a lessor or lienholder lawful access to a motor vehicle.
  - d. A person who violates any provision of this act shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense, except that notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of not more than \$2,000 may be imposed.
2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
Approved September 3, 2003.

### Action:

Contact your counsel if you have any questions about this new law.