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## GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE RESTRICTION LAW • MAY 1, 2010

On April 15, 2009, Governor Jon S. Corzine signed into law a bill amending New Jersey motor vehicle codes, specifically **R.S. 39:3-10**, regarding **ALL** drivers under 21 years of age who hold special learners permits, examination permits and provisional driver licenses. The complete text of the law can be found at: [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/PL09/38\\_.pdf](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/PL09/38_.pdf)

### OVERVIEW OF P.L. 2009, CHAPTER 38

1. The name of the "provisional" license has been changed to "**probationary**."
2. The holder of a special learner's permit, examination permit or **probationary** license is permitted to transport only one passenger in addition to his or her dependents. This one passenger restriction does not apply if the permit holder or probationary licensee is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. The nighttime driving restriction for examination permit and **probationary** license holders is changed from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m. to 11:01 p.m. to 5 a.m. to reflect the same hours as special learners permit holders.
4. The language addressing cell phones has been clarified to include a restriction on the use of any **hand-held or hands-free** interactive wireless communication devices including operating its keys, buttons or other controls while driving a motor vehicle.
5. The fine for violating the passenger, nighttime driving or interactive wireless device restriction is \$100 plus costs and fees; no points will be assessed for these offenses.
6. This law takes effect on May 1, 2010.



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