As of February 1, 2009, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-54 et seq., an authorized employee of a public utility company may 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 official duties. The amber warning light permit must be in the possession of the public utility employee when the light is displayed on the motor vehicle.

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. While in operation, the amber warning light must be conspicuously displayed on the roof of the motor vehicle.

The authorized public 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 official duties, and shall be removed from the motor vehicle when the vehicle is not being used in the performance of these duties.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:24 – 4 et seq.:

a. An authorized employee of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority can apply for a permit to display an amber warning light on a passenger motor vehicle when he or she is required to use the motor vehicle in the performance of his or her official duties. The employee must produce his or her employee identification along with the permit upon demand.

b. An authorized contractor or sub contractor of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority may apply for a permit to display an amber warning light to use a motor vehicle in the performance of duties as they pertain to the contract with that government agency. The NJDOT may also issue temporary permits from time to time as authorized under an agreement with New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

c. An authorized rural route letter carrier of the United States Postal Service is eligible for a permit to display a flashing amber light for use on a motor vehicle while in the performance of his or her duties.

d. Tow trucks bearing commercial registration are eligible for flashing amber light permits to use on a public highway at the scene of an accident or breakdown while preparations are being made for vehicle removal and while the tow truck is towing or transporting the disabled vehicle from the scene of an accident or breakdown to the place of storage or repair.

e. Service vehicles bearing commercial registration are eligible for flashing amber light permits to use on a public highway where such activation is necessary for the protection of the public or service vehicle personnel.

f. Snow removal and/or sanding vehicles bearing commercial registration are eligible for flashing amber light permits to use where such vehicles are actually engaged in snow removal, sanding or plowing operation on a public highway and the vehicle owners or lessees have a snow removal or sanding contract with a governmental agency.

g. Vehicles bearing commercial registration owned or leased by businesses which provide security services for commercial business or private residences can use a flashing amber light while engaged in providing security services.
Sample Permit for Utility Company Employees, all Commercial Uses and all Contractors/Sub Contractors of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority

Sample permit to be issued by the NJDOT for its consultants
Sample Permit for employees of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Highway Authority or the South Jersey Transportation Authority and rural route letter carriers of the United States Postal Service.