

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT  
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2857**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 9, 2022

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2857.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit) to ensure that Access Link drivers are paid “time-and-a-half” for operating an Access Link paratransit vehicle during a commercial vehicle travel restriction for inclement weather issued by the Commissioner of Transportation (commissioner). The bill specifies that the enhanced compensation is only available for hours worked during the actual period of the commercial vehicle travel restriction.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments change when enhanced compensation is required to be paid from work done during a state of emergency declared by the Governor to work done during a commercial vehicle travel restriction issued by the Commissioner of Transportation (commissioner). The amendments also change who is eligible for enhanced compensation to only include Access Link drivers who are actively engaged in operating an Access Link paratransit vehicle. The amendments clarify that enhanced compensation is only available for work performed during the actual period of the commercial vehicle travel restriction.

The amendments also update the title and synopsis of the bill to reflect these changes.