

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3765

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3765.

As amended and reported, this bill imposes conditions on motor vehicle drivers approaching a disabled vehicle with flashing hazard warning signal lights or utilizing road flares or reflective triangles. The bill requires a motor vehicle driver approaching a disabled vehicle displaying these lights, road flares, or reflective triangles to either move to a lane that is not next to the disabled vehicle or, if the driver is unable to safely or legally move over, to slow down to a speed less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

The bill also requires the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety to include in a public awareness campaign the importance of motor vehicle operators reducing the speed of their vehicles and changing lanes when approaching a disabled vehicle that is flashing hazard warning signal lights or utilizing road flares or reflective triangles.

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) provide that a motor vehicle operator will not be assessed motor vehicle penalty points unless the stationary vehicle is displaying flashing, blinking, or alternating lights or utilizing road flares or reflective triangles at the time of the third or subsequent violation of the bill's provisions, as opposed to if the stationary vehicle is only displaying flashing, blinking, or alternating lights; and

(2) make technical changes.