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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJTA and SJTA to display amount of tolls paid in lanes used for electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the display of certain information in electronic
 2 toll collection lanes and amending and supplementing P.L.1997,
 3 c.59.

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 5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 6 *of New Jersey:*

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 8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1) is amended to
 9 read as follows:

10 6. As used in sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-
 11 34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and section 3 of P.L. c. (C.)
 12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

13 "Authority" means the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
 14 established by section 3 of P.L.1948, c.454 (C.27:23-3).

15 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
 16 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
 17 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
 18 operated by, or upon the behalf of, the authority.

19 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
 20 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
 21 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
 22 period of time.

23 "Lessor" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
 24 agency, association or organization engaged in the business of
 25 renting or leasing vehicles to any lessee under a rental agreement,
 26 lease or other contract that provides the lessee with the exclusive
 27 use of the vehicle for any period of time.

28 "Operator" means the term "operator" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

29 "Owner" means the term "owner" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

30 "Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor,
 31 placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection
 32 facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more
 33 microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a
 34 written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or
 35 operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system
 36 regulations. The term shall also include any other process that
 37 identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.

38 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
 39 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 7 of
 40 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
 41 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
 42 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
 43 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
 44 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
2 system as defined in this section.

3 "Vehicle" means the term "vehicle" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
4 (cf: P.L.2003, c.79, s.36)

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6 2. Section 11 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 11. As used in sections 11 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59
9 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5) and section 4 of
10 P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

11 "Authority" means the South Jersey Transportation Authority
12 established by section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-4).

13 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
14 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
15 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
16 operated by, or upon the behalf of, the authority.

17 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
18 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
19 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
20 period of time.

21 "Lessor" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
22 agency, association or organization engaged in the business of
23 renting or leasing vehicles to any lessee under a rental agreement,
24 lease or other contract that provides the lessee with the exclusive
25 use of the vehicle for any period of time.

26 "Operator" means the term "operator" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

27 "Owner" means the term "owner" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

28 "Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor,
29 placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection
30 facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more
31 microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a
32 written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or
33 operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system
34 regulations. The term shall also include any other process that
35 identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.

36 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
37 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 12 of
38 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
39 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
40 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
41 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
42 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such
43 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
44 system as defined in this section.

45 "Vehicle" means the term "vehicle" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
46 (cf: P.L.2003, c.79, s.46)

3. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall make visible on an electronic display in every lane of every toll plaza of the electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5), of any toll facility operated by the authority, the toll amount paid by a customer with an account for the electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass, when passing through the toll plaza; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to any toll plaza at which tolls are collected through passage under a high speed gantry.

4. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the South Jersey Transportation Authority shall make visible on an electronic display in every lane of every toll plaza of the electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 11 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5), of any toll facility operated by the authority, the toll amount paid by a customer with an account for the electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass, when passing through the toll plaza; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to any toll plaza at which tolls are collected through passage under a high speed gantry.

25 5. This act shall take effect immediately, but the provisions of
26 sections 3 and 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
27 Legislature as this bill) shall not be construed as affecting terms of
28 any contract or agreement in effect as of the effective date of this
29 act.

STATEMENT

34 This bill requires the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the
35 South Jersey Transportation Authority (authorities) to make visible,
36 on an electronic display in every lane of every toll plaza of the
37 electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass, on
38 the State's three toll roads, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden
39 State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway, the toll amount
40 paid by a customer with an E-ZPass account when passing through
41 a toll plaza. This requirement does not apply to any toll plaza at
42 which tolls are collected through passage under a high speed gantry.

Under the bill, “electronic toll collection system” is defined as the electronic system employed or utilized by the authorities to register and collect the toll required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or operated by, or upon the behalf of, the authorities.