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SYNOPSIS

Requires reduction in number of State vehicles over five fiscal years.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the reduction in the number of State vehicles,
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, and amending
3 P.L.2007, c.108.

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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. (New section) a. For the purposes of this section:

9 “Vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is required to be registered
10 with or licensed by the Motor Vehicle Commission pursuant to the
11 provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, but not including
12 aircraft and watercraft, and not including vehicles of the Division of
13 State Police or the Division of Gaming Enforcement in the
14 Department of Law and Public Safety, or vehicles and equipment
15 used for construction, maintenance, or emergency services
16 purposes; and

17 “State” means the Executive Branch of State government, but not
18 including the Division of State Police or the Division of Gaming
19 Enforcement in the Department of Law and Public Safety, or an
20 independent authority, commission, board, agency, or
21 instrumentality of the State or an institution of higher education of
22 the State.

23 b. Within six months of the effective date of this act,
24 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill),
25 the State Treasurer shall adopt a comprehensive plan for the
26 reduction in the number of State vehicles in the Executive Branch
27 of the State government. The plan shall provide for the systematic
28 reduction of the State vehicle fleet by 10 percent each year for five
29 consecutive fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year that
30 commences more than six months after the effective date of this act.
31 However, in considering the 10 percent annual reduction, the panel
32 shall make an assessment of the number of vehicles needed to
33 maintain efficient State services, and shall recommend a reduction
34 of less than 10 percent, but not lower than eight percent, when
35 necessary to maintain efficient State services. In each applicable
36 fiscal year, there shall be a reduction, as required pursuant to
37 subsection c. of this section, in the funding for the State vehicle
38 accounts in the annual appropriations act that corresponds to the
39 reduction in the number of State vehicles in accordance with the
40 plan.

41 The comprehensive plan shall be prepared by a panel comprised
42 of the State Treasurer, a member of the Governor’s staff designated
43 by the Governor, and the commissioner of each department of State
44 government, or a designee. The panel shall review the assignment,
45 use, and continued need for each State vehicle in order to determine

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 whether that assignment, use, or need should be continued,
2 eliminated, or transferred. If the panel determines that the
3 reduction goal cannot be implemented in five fiscal years, it shall
4 provide a statement detailing the panel's reasoning and conclusion
5 and specifying how many additional fiscal years, not to exceed
6 three fiscal years, will be required to achieve the reduction goal.

7 The Department of the Treasury shall provide necessary
8 personnel and assistance to the panel.

9 Upon adoption of the comprehensive plan, a copy shall be
10 provided to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

11 c. Each annual appropriation law that is enacted for the five
12 consecutive years beginning with the fiscal year that commences
13 more than six months after the effective date of this act shall
14 provide for the reduction in the funding for the State vehicle
15 accounts to implement the reduction in the comprehensive plan for
16 that fiscal year.

17 d. Following the effective date of this act, any request for an
18 additional State vehicle to be added to the State fleet, not including
19 replacement vehicles, in the Executive Branch of State government
20 shall be reviewed by the panel. The panel shall either deny or
21 approve a request for an additional State vehicle. The panel shall
22 develop criteria that it shall use in its determinations. The criteria
23 shall address, but need not be limited to, the duties and
24 requirements of the position requiring a State vehicle, the funding
25 source for the State vehicle, the existence of other substantially
26 similar positions that are assigned a State vehicle, the period of time
27 for which the State vehicle will be needed, the essential or
28 supportive nature of the State vehicle, and whether an existing State
29 vehicle may be transferred for the same purpose. The panel's
30 denial or approval shall be considered final and binding, and shall
31 be accompanied by a statement detailing the panel's reasoning and
32 conclusion on each element of the criteria considered.

33 The panel shall submit detailed quarterly reports of its activities,
34 denials, and approvals to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

35 e. The sale of State vehicles in compliance with this section
36 shall be upon such terms and conditions as the State Treasurer shall
37 determine to be in the best interests of the State and shall be by any
38 method of sale that maximizes revenue to the State in accordance
39 with any applicable requirements of law, rule or regulation. The
40 proceeds from the sale of State vehicles shall be deposited,
41 appropriated, and utilized as prescribed in accordance with section
42 1 of P.L.2007, c.108 (C.52:31-1.3b), as amended by this act.

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44 2. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.108 (C.52:31-1.3b) is amended to
45 read as follows:

46 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
47 special, non-lapsing fund into which shall be deposited the proceeds
48 of the sale of any surplus State-owned real property which has been

1 approved for sale or conveyance by the State House Commission
2 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1997, c.135 (C.52:31-1.3a) after the
3 effective date of P.L.2007, c.108, and into which shall be deposited
4 the proceeds of the sale of State vehicles pursuant to section 1 of
5 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill),
6 unless another disposition of such proceeds is specified by statute.
7 The monies in the fund are dedicated and shall be used only to carry
8 out the purposes described in subsection b. of this section. The
9 fund shall be credited with all interest received from the investment
10 of monies in the fund, and any monies which, from time to time,
11 may otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund.
12 Pending the use thereof pursuant to the provisions of subsection b.
13 of this section, the monies deposited in the fund shall be held in
14 interest-bearing accounts in public depositories, as defined pursuant
15 to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or
16 reinvested in such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer.
17 b. Monies deposited in the fund shall be used only for the relief
18 of State debt or to assist in funding capital improvement projects
19 undertaken by the State. The allocation of such money from the
20 fund shall be made upon the recommendation of the Governor for
21 the annual appropriations act, together with a detailed description of
22 the purpose for which the monies will be used. The money shall be
23 expended only upon appropriation in the annual appropriations act
24 and only for the specified purposes.
25 (cf: P.L.2007, c.108, s.1)

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT
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32 The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of State vehicles
33 in the Executive Branch of State government by 10 percent each
34 fiscal year for five consecutive years, except under certain
35 circumstances. The bill exempts the Division of State Police and
36 the Division of Gaming Enforcement in the Department of Law and
37 Public Safety, and their vehicles, and also exempts vehicles and
38 equipment used for construction, maintenance, or emergency
39 services purposes, from the provisions of the bill.

40 The bill provides that the State Treasurer must adopt, within six
41 months of enactment of the bill, a comprehensive plan for the
42 reduction in the number of State vehicles in the Executive Branch
43 of the State government. The plan must provide for the systematic
44 reduction of the State vehicle fleet by 10 percent each year for five
45 consecutive fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year that
46 commences more than six months after the effective date of the act.
47 However, in considering the 10 percent annual reduction, the panel
48 must make an assessment of the number of vehicles needed to

1 maintain efficient State services, and must recommend a reduction
2 of less than 10 percent, but not lower than eight percent, when
3 necessary to maintain efficient State services. In each applicable
4 fiscal year, there must also be a reduction in the funding for the
5 State vehicle accounts in the annual appropriations law that
6 corresponds to the reduction in the number of State vehicles in
7 accordance with the plan.

8 The comprehensive plan would be prepared by a panel
9 comprised of the State Treasurer, a member of the Governor's staff
10 designated by the Governor, and the commissioner of each
11 department of State government, or a designee. If the panel
12 determines that the reduction goal cannot be implemented in five
13 fiscal years, it must provide a statement detailing the panel's
14 reasoning and conclusion and specifying how many additional fiscal
15 years, not to exceed three fiscal years, will be required to achieve
16 the reduction goal.

17 Following the effective date of the bill, any request for an
18 additional State vehicle to be added to the State fleet in the
19 Executive Branch of State government, not including a replacement
20 vehicle, will be reviewed by the panel. The panel will either deny
21 or approve a request for an additional State vehicle, and will
22 develop criteria for use in its determinations. The criteria will
23 include the duties and requirements of the position requiring a State
24 vehicle, the funding source for the State vehicle, the existence of
25 other substantially similar positions that are assigned a State
26 vehicle, the period of time for which the State vehicle will be
27 needed, the essential or supportive nature of the State vehicle, and
28 whether an existing State vehicle may be transferred for the same
29 purpose. The decision of the panel to deny or approve a request to
30 add a vehicle to the State fleet will be considered final and binding,
31 without the need for written approval by the State Treasurer for
32 each addition.

33 The proceeds from the sale of any State vehicle sold pursuant to
34 the provisions of the bill will be deposited into the special, non-
35 lapsing fund into which is deposited the proceeds of the sale of
36 State-owned real property.