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SYNOPSIS

Requires owner of railroad bridge to submit bridge inspection records to DOT.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain bridge inspection records and
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
8 regulation to the contrary, a railroad company owning, leasing, or
9 controlling the right-of-way for a bridge in this State shall annually
10 submit a report to the Commissioner of Transportation including the
11 following information:

12 (1) a copy of any bridge inspection report completed pursuant to
13 federal or State law in the preceding 12 months;

14 (2) a copy of the bridge inspection standards used to complete
15 the inspection;

16 (3) a copy of the bridge management program, adopted pursuant
17 to 49 C.F.R. s.237.31 and 49 C.F.R. s.237.33, or a certification that
18 the bridge management program submitted during the prior annual
19 reporting period is still valid; and

20 (4) a certification by a bridge engineer that the bridge is able to
21 carry the loads that travel the bridge on a daily basis.

22 b. The report required pursuant to subsection a. of this section
23 shall be submitted by the railroad company to the Commissioner of
24 Transportation, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, within
25 180 days of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
26 before the Legislature as this bill) and annually thereafter.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires railroad companies owning, leasing, or
34 controlling the right-of-way for bridges in this State to annually
35 submit to the Commissioner of Transportation: a copy of any bridge
36 inspection report completed pursuant to federal or State law in the
37 preceding 12 months; the bridge inspection standards used to
38 complete the inspection; a copy of the bridge management program
39 adopted by the railroad pursuant to federal regulations; and a
40 certification by a bridge engineer that the bridge is able to carry the
41 loads that travel the bridge on a daily basis.