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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJT to provide protective face covering to passengers without protective face covering; appropriates \$100,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning temporary public health precautions on public
2 transportation and making an appropriation.

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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. During the public health emergency declared on March
8 9, 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 and
9 extended, where applicable, by subsequent executive orders, the
10 New Jersey Transit Corporation shall provide a complimentary
11 protective face covering to any passenger that does not possess a
12 protective face covering. Upon rescission of the executive orders
13 concerning the public health emergency or upon the termination of
14 the declared public health emergency, the corporation may elect to
15 continue to provide a complimentary protective face covering to
16 any passenger that does not possess a protective face covering, at
17 the discretion of the corporation's board of directors or, in the
18 absence of board action, at the discretion of the executive director
19 of the corporation.

20 b. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection a. of this
21 section, the corporation and its employees and agents shall not be
22 liable for any harm or injury caused by the failure of the corporation
23 or an employee or agent of the corporation to provide a protective
24 face covering to a passenger as required by subsection a. of this
25 section.

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27 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New
28 Jersey Transit Corporation the amount of \$100,000 to fulfill the
29 purposes of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 STATEMENT

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36 During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this bill requires
37 the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit) to provide a
38 protective face covering to any passenger that does not possess a
39 protective face covering. After the public health emergency, NJ
40 Transit is also authorized to continue to provide a protective face
41 covering to passengers without protective face coverings at the
42 discretion of the NJ Transit board of directors or, in the absence of
43 board action, the executive director of NJ Transit.

44 The bill appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to NJ
45 Transit to fulfill the bill's purposes.