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SYNOPSIS

Qualifies certain disabled veterans for toll rate exemptions and exemptions from motor vehicle registration fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT qualifying certain disabled veterans for toll rate
2 exemptions and exemptions from motor vehicle registration fees,
3 amending P.L.1948, c.28, and amending and supplementing
4 P.L.1997, c.59.

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

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

11 6. As used in sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-
12 34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.)
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
40 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 7 of
41 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
42 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
43 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
44 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
45 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. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
7 to the contrary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall not charge
8 a toll to any customer with an account with the electronic toll
9 collection system, subject to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997,
10 c.59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5), and who is exempt from
11 the payment of motor vehicle registration fees pursuant to section 1
12 of P.L.1948, c.28 (C.39:3-27.1), on any toll facility operated by the
13 authority.

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

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

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

22 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
23 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
24 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
25 operated by, or on behalf of, the authority.

26 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
27 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
28 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
29 period of time.

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

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

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

37 "Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor,
38 placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection
39 facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more
40 microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a
41 written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or
42 operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system
43 regulations. The term shall also include any other process that
44 identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.

45 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
46 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 12 of
47 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
48 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may

1 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
2 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
3 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such
4 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
5 system as defined in this section.

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

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9 4. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
10 to the contrary, the South Jersey Transportation Authority shall not
11 charge a toll to any customer with an account with the electronic
12 toll collection system, subject to sections 11 through 15 of
13 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5), and who is
14 exempt from the payment of motor vehicle registration fees
15 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1948, c.28 (C.39:3-27.1), on any toll
16 facility operated by the authority.

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18 5. Section 1 of P.L.1948, c.28 (C.39:3-27.1) is amended to read
19 as follows:

20 1. No fee shall be charged for the registration, in any year or
21 years, of one motor vehicle of passenger type, which is not to be
22 used for hire, owned by any resident of the State of New Jersey,
23 individually or jointly with a spouse【;】:

24 (1) who is eligible for compensation pursuant to 【R.S. 38:18-1,
25 38:18-2 and 38:18-3,】 R.S.38:18-1, R.S.38:18-2, R.S.38:18-3, and
26 P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-1 et seq.);

27 (2) who has qualified or shall qualify under the provisions of
28 Public Law 663-79th Congress of the United States of America
29 (August 8, 1946) or of Public Law 187--82nd Congress of the
30 United States of America (October 20, 1951) or who is a veteran of
31 World War I with service-connected disabilities of the kind set
32 forth in said Public Laws, and who is the holder of a current driver's
33 license issued by this State, if such motor vehicle is equipped with
34 such special attachments and devices as the 【Director of the
35 Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public
36 Safety】 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
37 Commission may deem necessary to provide for the safe operation
38 thereof by such person【, or】:

39 (3) who is the holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor,
40 which registration shall be evidenced by distinctive license plates of
41 a design approved by the 【Director of the Division of Motor
42 Vehicles,】 chief administrator; or

43 (4) who has completed a VA 21-4502 form and has been
44 approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to
45 receive an automobile or other conveyance and adaptive equipment
46 pursuant to 38 U.S.C. s.3901 et seq.

47 (cf: P.L.1979, c.122, s.1)

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