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SYNOPSIS

Requires installation of certain rescue supplies on certain bridges.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning installation of certain rescue supplies on certain
2 bridges and supplementing Title 27 and Title 32 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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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. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
9 Department of Transportation shall install a cabinet on every bridge
10 under the jurisdiction of the department that has a total length of at
11 least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet shall
12 include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may use
13 to rescue a person from drowning.

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15 2. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
16 New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall install a cabinet on every
17 bridge under the jurisdiction of the authority that has a total length
18 of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet shall
19 include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may use
20 to rescue a person from drowning.

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22 3. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
23 South Jersey Transportation Authority shall install a cabinet on
24 every bridge under the jurisdiction of the authority that has a total
25 length of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet
26 shall include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may
27 use to rescue a person from drowning.

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29 4. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
30 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shall install a cabinet
31 on every bridge under the jurisdiction of the port authority that has
32 a total length of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The
33 cabinet shall include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first
34 responder may use to rescue a person from drowning.

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36 5. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
37 Delaware River Port Authority shall install a cabinet on every
38 bridge under the jurisdiction of the port authority that has a total
39 length of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet
40 shall include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may
41 use to rescue a person from drowning.

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43 6. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
44 Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission shall install a cabinet
45 on every bridge under the jurisdiction of the commission that has a
46 total length of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The
47 cabinet shall include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first
48 responder may use to rescue a person from drowning.

1 7. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the
2 Delaware River and Bay Authority shall install a cabinet on every
3 bridge under the jurisdiction of the commission that has a total
4 length of at least 100 feet and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet
5 shall include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may
6 use to rescue a person from drowning.

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8 8. a. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall take effect
9 immediately.

10 b. Section 4 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into
11 law by the State of New York of legislation having an identical
12 effect as section 4 of this act; but if the State of New York shall
13 already have enacted such legislation, section 4 of this act shall take
14 effect immediately.

15 c. Section 5 of this act shall take effect upon enactment into
16 law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of legislation having an
17 identical effect with section 5 of this act; but if the Commonwealth
18 of Pennsylvania shall already have enacted such legislation, section
19 5 of this act shall take effect immediately.

20 d. Section 6 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into
21 law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of legislation having an
22 identical effect with section 6 of this act; but if the Commonwealth
23 of Pennsylvania shall already have enacted such legislation, section
24 6 of this act shall take effect immediately.

25 e. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into
26 law by the State of Delaware of legislation having an identical
27 effect with section 7 of this act; but if the State of Delaware shall
28 already have enacted such legislation, section 7 of this act shall take
29 effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires the New Jersey Department of Transportation,
35 the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the South Jersey Transportation
36 Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the
37 Delaware River Port Authority, the Delaware River Joint Toll
38 Bridge Commission, and the Delaware River and Bay Authority to
39 install a cabinet on every bridge that has a total length of 100 feet or
40 more and crosses over a waterway. The cabinet is required to
41 include a rescue tube and life jacket that a first responder may use
42 to rescue a person from drowning.