

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 34

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Waze Mobile Limited to prohibit users of its mobile application from sharing sobriety checkpoint location information.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging Waze Mobile Limited to
2 prohibit users of its mobile application from sharing sobriety
3 checkpoint location information.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement checkpoints involving the stopping of
6 motor vehicles at predetermined locations to determine driver
7 sobriety are an effective method in detecting and deterring the
8 operation of a motor vehicle by drivers who are intoxicated; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Sobriety checkpoints are a lawful practice administered by
10 law enforcement in the interest of public safety; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The United States Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention found that sobriety checkpoints reduced alcohol-related
13 fatal, injury, and property damage motor vehicle crashes each by
14 approximately 20 percent; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Because of the effectiveness of sobriety checkpoints, there
16 is a significant public interest in maintaining the integrity of
17 sobriety checkpoint implementation on the roads of this State; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Waze Mobile Limited (Waze), which is owned by Google
19 and operates a mobile application (app) used for navigation, allows
20 users to input global positioning system data information on law
21 enforcement activity to share with other users of the app; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Waze app users may make a note of the nature of the law
23 enforcement activity, including information on whether it is a
24 sobriety checkpoint; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The posting of this information allows users to avoid
26 sobriety checkpoints by knowing the location ahead of time and
27 may hinder the ability for law enforcement to preserve public safety
28 by preventing the detection of intoxicated driving; and

29 **WHEREAS**, The sharing of sobriety checkpoint location information
30 may also be construed as an action meant to discourage or impair
31 the administration of traffic laws in this State; and

32 **WHEREAS**, The New York City Police Department recently sent a
33 cease-and-desist letter to Google, demanding that Waze prohibit
34 users of its app from sharing sobriety checkpoint information; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Because of the effectiveness of sobriety checkpoints in
36 reducing the number of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes and
37 because sobriety checkpoints are a lawful practice administered by
38 law enforcement, it is all together fitting and proper, and in the
39 public interest, to urge the Chief Executive Officer of Waze to
40 prohibit users of its app from sharing the location information for
41 sobriety checkpoints; now, therefore,

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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
44 *Jersey:*

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46 1. This House urges the Chief Executive Officer of Waze
47 Mobile Limited to prohibit users of its mobile application from
48 sharing sobriety checkpoint location information.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the Chief Executive Officer of Waze Mobile Limited and the Chief Executive Officer of Google LLC.

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9 This Assembly Resolution urges the Chief Executive Officer of
10 Waze Mobile Limited (Waze) to prohibit users of its mobile
11 application (app) from sharing sobriety checkpoint location
12 information. Sobriety checkpoints are a lawful practice
13 administered by law enforcement in the interest of public safety to
14 detect and deter intoxicated driving.

Waze, which is owned by Google, allows users to input global positioning system data information for law enforcement activity to share with other users. Waze app users may make a note of the nature of the law enforcement activity, including information on whether it is a sobriety checkpoint. The posting of this information allows users to avoid sobriety checkpoints by knowing the location ahead of time and may hinder the ability for law enforcement to preserve public safety by preventing the detection of drivers driving while intoxicated. The sharing of sobriety checkpoint location information may also be construed as an action meant to discourage or impair the administration of traffic laws in this State.