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SYNOPSIS

Requires SJTA to allow certain vehicles based in any part of State to use SJTA projects without being charged toll.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the South Jersey Transportation Authority and
2 the imposition of tolls on certain vehicles and amending
3 P.L.1991, c.252.

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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. Section 19 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-19) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 19. a. The authority is authorized to fix, revise, charge, and
11 collect tolls, fares, passenger facility charges, and other charges,
12 including reduced fare or charge programs, for the use of each
13 project and the different parts or sections thereof. No toll shall be
14 charged for the passage of any motorbus operated on motorbus
15 regular route service, ambulance, first-aid or emergency-aid
16 vehicle, vehicular fire-fighting apparatus, or other similar vehicle,
17 operated for the benefit of the public by the State, or by any county
18 or municipality **【or】**, charitable or nonprofit corporation or
19 organization, first-aid squad, emergency squad, or fire company of
20 this State. The tolls, fares, and charges shall be so fixed and
21 adjusted as to effectuate the purposes of this act including assisting
22 in the funding of projects and in any event to carry out and perform
23 the terms and provisions of any contract with or for the benefit of
24 holders of bonds or notes. The tolls, fares, and charges shall not be
25 subject to supervision or regulation by any other commission,
26 board, bureau, or agency of the State or subdivision of the State.
27 The use and disposition of tolls, fares, charges, and revenues shall
28 be subject to the provisions of any resolution authorizing the
29 issuance of the bonds or notes. The authority shall allow an
30 ambulance, first-aid or emergency-aid vehicle, vehicular fire-
31 fighting apparatus, or other similar vehicle, operated for the benefit
32 of the public by the State, or by any county or municipality,
33 charitable or nonprofit corporation or organization, first-aid squad,
34 emergency squad, or fire company of this State, to use any project
35 of the authority without being charged a toll, if applicable,
36 regardless of the county or municipality where the vehicle is based.

37 b. The authority is authorized to contract with any person,
38 partnership, association, corporation, or federal, State, or local
39 government entity or subdivision thereof desiring the use of any
40 part of a project, including the right-of-way adjoining a paved
41 portion, for operation or placing thereon telephone, telegraph,
42 electric light or power lines, gas stations, garages, stores, hotels, or
43 restaurants, or for any other purpose, and to fix the terms,
44 conditions, rents, and rates of charges for that use. For contracts

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 related to an expressway project, the authority shall provide that a
2 sufficient number of gas stations be established in the service areas
3 along any project to permit reasonable competition by private
4 business in the public interest. No contract shall be required, and no
5 rent, fee, or other charge of any kind shall be imposed, for the use
6 and occupation, other than for freight railroad purposes, of the
7 highway portion of any project for the installation, construction,
8 use, operation, maintenance or repair, renewal, relocation, or
9 removal of tracks, pipes, mains, conduits, cables, wires, towers,
10 holes, or other equipment or appliances in, on, along, over, or under
11 any such project by any public utility as defined in R.S.27:7-1
12 which is subject to taxation pursuant to either P.L.1940, c.4
13 (C.54:30A-16 et seq.) or P.L.1940, c.5 (C.54:30A-49 et seq.), or
14 pursuant to any other law imposing a tax for the privilege of using
15 the public streets, highways, roads, or other public places in the
16 State.

17 (cf: P.L.1991, c.252, s.19)

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill clarifies the provisions of the existing statutory law by
25 expressly requiring the South Jersey Transportation Authority
26 (SJTA) to allow certain ambulances, first-aid or emergency-aid
27 vehicles, vehicular fire-fighting apparatuses, or other similar
28 vehicles to use any SJTA project without being charged a toll,
29 regardless of the county or municipality where the vehicle is based.
30 Presently, the SJTA allows ambulances, first-aid or emergency-aid
31 vehicles, vehicular fire-fighting apparatuses, or other similar
32 vehicles based in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland,
33 Gloucester, and Salem counties to use SJTA projects toll-free.