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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJTA and SJTA to display amount of tolls paid in lanes used for electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the display of certain information in electronic
2 toll collection lanes and amending and supplementing P.L.1997,
3 c.59.

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

10 6. As used in sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-
11 34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and section 3 of P.L. c, (C.)
12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
39 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 7 of
40 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
41 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
42 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
43 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
44 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)

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

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

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

12 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
13 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
14 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
15 operated by, or upon the behalf of, the authority.

16 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
17 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
18 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
19 period of time.

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

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

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

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

35 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
36 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 12 of
37 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
38 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
39 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
40 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
41 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such
42 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
43 system as defined in this section.

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

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47 3. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
48 to the contrary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall make

1 visible on an electronic display in every lane of every toll plaza of
2 the electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 6 through
3 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5), of any
4 toll facility operated by the authority, the toll amount paid by a
5 customer with an account for the electronic toll collection system,
6 commonly known as E-ZPass, when passing through the toll plaza;
7 provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to any toll
8 plaza at which tolls are collected through passage under a high
9 speed gantry.

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11 4. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
12 to the contrary, the South Jersey Transportation Authority shall
13 make visible on an electronic display in every lane of every toll
14 plaza of the electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 11
15 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-
16 21.5), of any toll facility operated by the authority, the toll amount
17 paid by a customer with an account for the electronic toll collection
18 system, commonly known as E-ZPass, when passing through the
19 toll plaza; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply
20 to any toll plaza at which tolls are collected through passage under a
21 high speed gantry.

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23 5. This act shall take effect immediately, but the provisions of
24 sections 3 and 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
25 Legislature as this bill) shall not be construed as affecting terms of
26 any contract or agreement in effect as of the effective date of this
27 act.

30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the
33 South Jersey Transportation Authority (authorities) to make visible,
34 on an electronic display in every lane of every toll plaza of the
35 electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass, on
36 the State's three toll roads, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden
37 State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway, the toll amount
38 paid by a customer with an E-ZPass account when passing through
39 a toll plaza. This requirement does not apply to any toll plaza at
40 which tolls are collected through passage under a high speed gantry.

41 Under the bill, "electronic toll collection system" is defined as
42 the electronic system employed or utilized by the authorities to
43 register and collect the toll required to be paid for a vehicle entering
44 a toll plaza owned or operated by, or upon the behalf of, the
45 authorities.