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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJTA and SJTA to establish temporary amnesty program for fees associated with outstanding unpaid tolls.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a temporary amnesty program for fees
2 associated with outstanding unpaid tolls.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of P.L.1951,
8 c.264 (C.27:23-34) and sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59
9 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and any other law, rule, or
10 regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall
11 provide an amnesty program for any resident of this State charged
12 with an outstanding violation for the non-payment of tolls or a
13 violation of the toll collection monitoring system regulations
14 adopted pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2), as
15 of the effective date of this act.

16 b. The amnesty program created pursuant to subsection a. of
17 this section shall allow for any resident of this State charged with
18 an outstanding violation for the non-payment of tolls or a violation
19 of the toll collection monitoring system regulations adopted
20 pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2), as of the
21 effective date of this act, to pay the outstanding tolls in full, within
22 180 days from the effective date of this act, in exchange for having
23 the following fees related to the toll violation waived: (1) any
24 administrative fee assessed for the processing and collecting a
25 violation pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.3); or
26 (2) accrued late fees.

27 In the event that a toll amount cannot be determined by the
28 authority, the authority may charge the maximum toll rate for the
29 roadway on which the toll violation occurred.

30 c. The authority shall publish on every publicly accessible
31 webpage of the website in which the authority provides information
32 concerning the purchase of an electronic vehicle identification
33 system transponder or the initiation of an account with a New
34 Jersey electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 6
35 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5),
36 and on the account statement of any New Jersey resident who is a
37 customer that has an account with a New Jersey electronic toll
38 collection system, subject to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997,
39 c.59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5), information concerning
40 the amnesty program and the waiver of administrative fees and
41 accrued late fees for a period of 180 days from the effective date of
42 this act.

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44 2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21 of P.L.1991,
45 c.252 (C.27:25A-21) and sections 11 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59
46 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5) and any other law, rule, or
47 regulation to the contrary, the South Jersey Transportation
48 Authority shall provide an amnesty program for any resident of this

1 State charged with an outstanding violation for the non-payment of
2 tolls or a violation of the toll collection monitoring system
3 regulations adopted pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1997, c.59
4 (C.27:25A-21.2), as of the effective date of this act.

5 b. The amnesty program created pursuant to subsection a. of
6 this section shall allow for any resident of this State charged with
7 an outstanding violation for the non-payment of tolls or a violation
8 of the toll collection monitoring system regulations adopted
9 pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.2) to pay the
10 outstanding tolls in full, within 180 days from the effective date of
11 this act, in exchange for having the following fees related to the toll
12 violation waived: (1) any administrative fee assessed for the
13 processing and collecting a violation pursuant to section 13 of
14 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.3); or (2) accrued late fees.

15 In the event that a toll amount cannot be determined by the
16 authority, the authority may charge the maximum toll rate for the
17 roadway on which the toll violation occurred.

18 c. The authority shall publish on every publicly accessible
19 webpage of the website in which the authority provides information
20 concerning the purchase of an electronic vehicle identification
21 system transponder or the initiation of an account with a New
22 Jersey electronic toll collection system, subject to sections 11
23 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-
24 21.5), and on the account statement of any New Jersey resident who
25 is a customer that has an account with a New Jersey electronic toll
26 collection system, subject to sections 11 through 15 of P.L.1997,
27 c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5), information
28 concerning the amnesty program and the waiver of administrative
29 fees and accrued late fees for a period of 180 days from the
30 effective date of this act.

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32 3. This act shall take effect 90 days following enactment and
33 shall expire 180 days after taking effect.

34 35 36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA)
39 and the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) to create a
40 temporary amnesty program for any New Jersey resident charged
41 with an outstanding violation for the non-payment of tolls or a
42 violation of the toll collection monitoring system regulations for the
43 electronic toll collection system, commonly known as E-ZPass.

44 Under the bill, the amnesty program is to allow for any New
45 Jersey resident charged with an outstanding violation for the non-
46 payment of tolls or an E-ZPass violation, as of the effective date of
47 the bill, to pay the tolls associated with the violation in full, within

1 180 days of the effective date of the bill, and to have certain
2 administrative fees and accrued late fees related to the tolls waived.

3 In the event that the NJTA or SJTA cannot determine the toll
4 amount, the NJTA and SJTA may charge the maximum toll rate for
5 the roadway on which the toll violation occurred.

6 The bill requires the NJTA or SJTA to publish on every publicly
7 accessible webpage of the New Jersey E-ZPass website and E-
8 ZPass account holder account statements information concerning
9 the amnesty program and the waiver of certain administrative fees
10 and accrued late fees for a period of 180 days from the effective
11 date of the bill.

12 Lastly, the bill is to take effect 90 days following enactment and
13 is to expire 180 days after taking effect.