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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits certain trucks from operating on certain portions of State Highway Route 29.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT prohibiting certain trucks and truck-trailer combinations
2 from using certain portions of State Highway Route 29 for
3 through travel and amending P.L.2001, c.45.

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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 1 of P.L.2001, c.45 (C.39:4-197.16) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. The Legislature finds that sections of State Highway Route
11 29, from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its northern
12 terminus at State Highway Route 12, have sharp curves, minimal
13 shoulders and limited sight distances. The Legislature further finds
14 that the use of State Highway Route 29 between the stated points by
15 heavy vehicles constitutes a hazard to the traveling public, as
16 evidenced by serious accidents on that roadway, some including
17 fatalities, and confirmed by extensive formal public comments, in
18 recognition of which the Department of Transportation issued a
19 traffic regulation order on November 15, 2000 temporarily
20 prohibiting heavy trucks and truck-trailer combinations from using
21 State Highway Route 29 between the stated points for through
22 travel. The Legislature further finds that there are nearby
23 alternative through routings which have significantly better overall
24 roadway conditions and geometric designs.

25 The Legislature further finds that, in 2002, the Department of
26 Transportation determined that it is in the interest of the public
27 health, safety, and welfare to issue a permanent traffic regulation
28 order prohibiting heavy trucks and truck-trailer combinations from
29 using State Highway Route 29 from its intersection with Interstate
30 Route 95 to its intersection with State Highway Route 129.

31 The Legislature finds and declares that State Highway Route 29,
32 from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its northern
33 terminus at State Highway Route 12 and from its intersection with
34 Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with State Highway Route
35 129, is inappropriate for through travel by truck and truck-trailer
36 combinations which exceed 26,000 pounds in weight, and that these
37 vehicles should be permanently prohibited from using that roadway.
38 (cf: P.L.2001, c.45, s.1)

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40 2. Section 2 of P.L.2001, c.45 (C.39:4-197.17) is amended to
41 read as follows:

42 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, truck
43 and truck-trailer combinations which exceed 26,000 pounds in gross
44 registered vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, or gross
45 combination weight rating regardless of their dimensions, are

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.

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1 prohibited from using State Highway Route 29, in either the
2 northbound or southbound travel lanes [.]:

3 a. from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its northern
4 terminus at State Highway Route 12;

5 b. from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its
6 intersection with U.S. Highway Route 1;

7 c. from its intersection with U.S. Highway Route 1 to its
8 northern intersection with the State Highway Route 29 tunnel in the
9 City of Trenton; and

10 d. from its northern intersection with the State Highway Route
11 29 tunnel in the City of Trenton to its intersection with State
12 Highway Route 129.

13 (cf: P.L.2001, c.45, s.2)

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15 3. Section 3 of P.L.2001, c.45 (C.39:4-197.18) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 3. The prohibitions contained in subsections a., b., and c. of
18 section 2 of this act shall not apply to emergency vehicles,
19 government owned or leased vehicles, vehicles which have an
20 origin or final destination on or within three miles of the prohibited
21 sections of State Highway Route 29, or vehicles making an actual
22 pickup, delivery or providing services at a location on or within
23 three miles of the prohibited sections.

24 The prohibition contained in subsection d. of section 2 of this act
25 shall not apply to emergency vehicles or government owned or
26 leased vehicles.

27 (cf: P.L.2001, c.45, s.3)

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29 4. Section 4 of P.L.2001, c.45 (C.39:4-197.19) is amended to
30 read as follows:

31 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this act, the
32 Commissioner of Transportation in accordance with the provisions
33 of section 2 of P.L.1998, c.28 (C.39:4-8.3) may after the holding of
34 a public meeting by written order provide for the use of the
35 prohibited portions of State Highway Route 29 by vehicles engaged
36 in the commercial transportation of certain rapidly setting concrete
37 mixtures under circumstances in which adherence to the
38 prohibitions set forth in this act makes delivery impossible or
39 economically impracticable, except that these vehicles shall not use
40 State Highway Route 29 at any time, in either the northbound or
41 southbound travel lanes, from its intersection with U.S. Highway
42 Route 1 to its intersection with State Highway Route 129.

43 (cf: P.L.2001, c.45, s.4)

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45 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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This bill amends existing law to codify the provisions of the Department of Transportation’s permanent traffic regulation orders prohibiting heavy trucks from operating on certain portions of State Highway Route 29 (Route 29) from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with State Highway Route 129.

Under the bill, trucks and truck-trailer combinations over 26,000 pounds gross registered vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, or gross combination weight rating are prohibited from using Route 29, in both directions of traffic, from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with State Highway Route 129.

The bill provides an exemption to this prohibition for emergency vehicles or government owned or leased vehicles. The bill allows vehicles otherwise prohibited from operating on Route 29 under the provisions of the bill to operate on Route 29 between its intersection with Interstate Route 95 and its northern intersection with the Route 29 tunnel in the City of Trenton (Trenton tunnel) if the vehicles have an origin or final destination on or within three miles of Route 29 or are making an actual pickup, delivery, or providing services at a location on or within three miles of Route 29. The bill provides that the Commissioner of Transportation may allow vehicles engaged in the commercial transportation of certain rapidly setting concrete mixtures to use Route 29 from its intersection with Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with U.S. Highway Route 1 under circumstances in which adherence to the bill’s prohibitions makes delivery impossible or economically impracticable.