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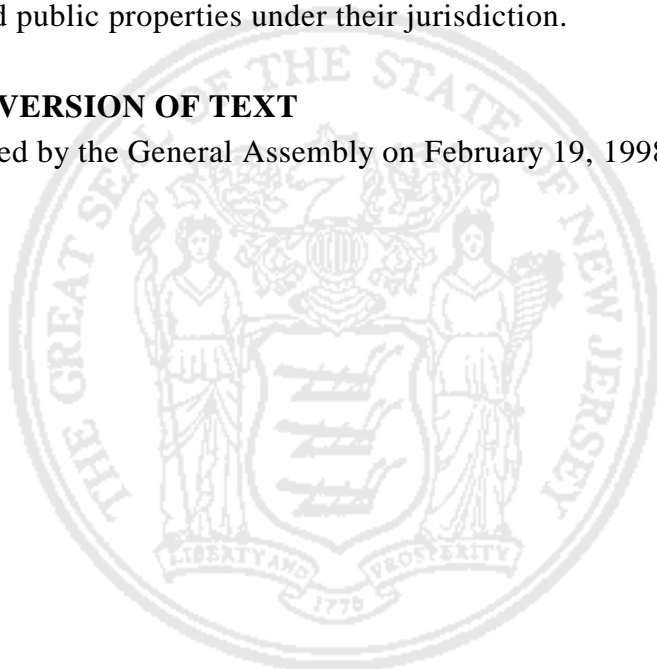
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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes municipalities to regulate skateboards and roller skates upon roadways and public properties under their jurisdiction.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on February 19, 1998.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/19/1998)

1 AN ACT concerning skateboarding and roller skating, and
2 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The governing body of any municipality may, by ordinance,
8 regulate the operation of skateboards and roller skates upon the
9 roadways and public properties under municipal jurisdiction; provided,
10 however, that no such ordinance shall:

11 a. absolve any person operating roller skates ²or a skateboard²
12 upon a permitted roadway of any of the duties applicable to the
13 operator of a bicycle pursuant to Article 3 of chapter 4 of Title 39 of
14 the Revised Statutes and all supplements thereto, except as to those
15 provisions thereof which by their nature can have no application; ²or²

16 b. ²[permit] prohibit² any person²[to operate] from operating²
17 a skateboard upon any public roadway, except ²[while crossing a
18 street upon a crosswalk ; and

19 c. absolve any person operating a skateboard upon a permitted
20 sidewalk of any of the duties applicable to pedestrians] those
21 specifically designated by ordinance² .

22 For the purpose of this section, "roller skates" means a pair of
23 devices worn on the feet with a set of wheels attached, regardless of
24 the number or placement of those wheels, and used to glide or propel
25 the user over the ground.

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27 ¹[2. Every person operating roller skates upon a roadway shall be
28 granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to
29 the operator of a bicycle pursuant to Article 3 of chapter 4 of Title 39
30 of the Revised Statutes, except those which by their nature can have
31 no application.]¹

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33 ²[¹[3.] 2.¹ No person may operate a skateboard upon any public
34 roadway, except while crossing a street upon a crosswalk. Every
35 person operating a skateboard upon a sidewalk or when crossing a
36 street upon a crosswalk shall be granted all the rights and shall be
37 subject to all the duties applicable to pedestrians.]²

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39 ²[¹[3.] 2.² Nothing in P.L._____, c._____ (C._____) (pending
40 before the Legislature as this bill) or in P.L.1997, c.411 (C._____)

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ALH committee amendments adopted January 29, 1998.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted February 19, 1998.

1 shall obligate the Commissioner of Transportation to in any way
2 maintain, plan, design or construct roadways to accommodate the
3 operation of roller skates or skateboards.¹

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5 ²[4.] 3.² This act shall take effect immediately.