

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2010

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1446.

This bill would permit the display of flashing amber warning lights by appropriate sanitation vehicles. Since the nature of these vehicles is to engage in frequent stops, the display of appropriate flashing amber warning lights may enhance the physical safety of sanitation employees as well as approaching pedestrians and motorists.

Current regulations (N.J.A.C.13:24-4.1) prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission permit “service vehicles bearing commercial registration,” including sanitation trucks, to use a flashing amber light on a public highway when necessary for the protection of the public or service vehicle personnel.