

ASSEMBLY, No. 775

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman BUONO

1 AN ACT concerning municipal regulation of certain streets and  
2 supplementing chapter 67 of Title 40 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:4-197 or any other  
8 law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may, by  
9 ordinance, without the approval of the Commissioner of  
10 Transportation, prohibit through traffic on a street within the  
11 municipality upon a finding by the governing body that through traffic  
12 on that street creates an undue risk to the safety and welfare of the  
13 residents of the municipality. Prior to making such a finding the  
14 municipality shall hold at least one public hearing and shall create a  
15 written record documenting the basis for the prohibition of through  
16 traffic. Upon adoption of the ordinance, the municipality shall erect  
17 appropriate signage where through traffic is prohibited and shall  
18 submit a copy of the written record to the Department of  
19 Transportation to be used by the department for informational  
20 purposes.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill would authorize a municipality to prohibit through traffic  
28 on a street within the municipality upon a finding by the governing  
29 body of the municipality that through traffic on that street creates an  
30 undue risk to the safety and welfare of the residents of the  
31 municipality. The bill would require that a public hearing be held prior  
32 to making such a finding and further requires that the municipality  
33 create a written record documenting the basis for the prohibition of  
34 through traffic. After adoption of the ordinance, the municipality  
35 would be required to erect appropriate signage where through traffic  
36 is prohibited and to submit a copy of the written record to the

1 Department of Transportation to be used by the department for  
2 informational purposes.

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7 Authorizes municipality to prohibit through traffic in certain  
8 circumstances.