

ASSEMBLY, No. 1714

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen IMPREVEDUTO and DORIA

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Transit Corporation and
2 supplementing P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.)

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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. Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, each
8 motorbus purchased by the corporation on or after the effective date
9 of this act shall be an alternative fuel vehicle. The corporation shall
10 assign the motorbuses purchased, to the maximum extent feasible, to
11 routes in the northeastern part of the State, encompassing the cities of
12 Elizabeth, Newark and Jersey City, in order to reduce the level of air
13 pollution in that area.

14 As used in this act, "alternative fuel vehicle" means a vehicle that
15 has been certified to meet the ultra low emission vehicle standards
16 established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or
17 which meets more stringent emission standards as established from
18 time to time by that agency.

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20 2. The provisions of section 1 of this act shall not apply to the
21 purchase of motorbuses which have been operated for more than 100
22 miles prior to purchase and are commonly referred to as "used
23 vehicles."

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25 3. Each motorbus purchased by the corporation before the effective
26 date of this act during the period of the current and two preceding
27 fiscal years shall be modified by the corporation so that it may be
28 operated as an alternative fuel vehicle.

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30 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires all newly manufactured buses purchased by the
36 New Jersey Transit Corporation to be alternative fuel vehicles; that is,
37 vehicles that have been certified to meet the ultra low emission vehicle

1 standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency or more
2 stringent standards as they are established in the future. These buses
3 are to be assigned, to the maximum extent feasible, to routes in the
4 cities of Elizabeth, Newark and Jersey City in the northeastern part of
5 the State where air pollution problems are severe. The bill also
6 requires buses purchased before the effective date of the bill during the
7 period of the current and two preceding fiscal years to be retrofitted
8 as alternative fuel vehicles. The goal of this legislation is that 30% of
9 the State's bus fleet is to be composed of alternative fuel vehicles by
10 2010, thereby permitting the State, and particularly the northeastern
11 part which has such serious air pollution problems, to comply with the
12 provisions of the Clean Air Act. It is the intent of this bill that New
13 Jersey Transit purchase the cleanest available vehicles for its bus fleet.
14 Inasmuch as the emission requirements for particulate matter from
15 diesel fuels are likely to become more stringent, this bill will also assist
16 New Jersey in meeting future air pollution reduction requirements.

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21 Requires NJT to purchase alternative fuel vehicles.