

ASSEMBLY, No. 2283

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning noise barriers along State highways and
2 supplementing chapter 7 of Title 27 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. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
8 the Department of Transportation shall erect noise barriers along State
9 highways that have been identified by acoustical studies as warranting
10 noise mitigation measures.

11 b. The Commissioner of Transportation shall include in the annual
12 report of general project categories and proposed projects submitted
13 pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-22) a sum for the
14 construction of noise barriers.

15 c. To the extent practicable, noise barriers shall be constructed of
16 recycled materials.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 The expansion of the State's highway system and the greater
24 volume of vehicle traffic using the system have produced intolerable
25 noise problems for residential areas adjacent to State highways. This
26 bill would direct the Department of Transportation to erect noise
27 barriers along those sections of State highways which have been
28 identified by acoustical studies as warranting noise mitigation
29 measures.

30 Further, the bill directs the Commissioner of Transportation to
31 include funding for noise barriers in the annual request for
32 appropriations from the Transportation Trust Fund.

33 Also, to help reduce the cost of such barriers and to further
34 promote recycling efforts, the bill requires that noise barriers be
35 constructed of recycled materials to the extent practicable.

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- 3 Directs DOT to erect noise barriers.