ASSEMBLY, No. 2472

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman MURPHY, Assemblymen DeCROCE and Bucco

AN ACT concerning highway advisory radio signal transmission equipment and informational signs along certain highways and supplementing chapter 7 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Transportation, on any highway within the Interstate System of this State or any limited access highway which is under its jurisdiction, subject to available funding and the availability of a radio transmission signal approved by the Federal Communications Commission, shall install and maintain highway advisory radio transmission signal equipment and informational signs along that highway in such manner that the radio transmission signal is accessible to motorists along the full length of the highway, in order to alert motorists as to any upcoming severe traffic or difficult road conditions along that highway, unless the full length of the highway already contains this equipment. The informational signs shall be consistent with the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

As used in this act, "limited access highway" means a highway especially designed for through traffic, over which abutters have no easement or right of light, air or direct access by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon that limited access highway.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would require the Department of Transportation, subject to available funding and the availability of a radio transmission signal approved by the Federal Communications Commission, to install and maintain highway advisory radio transmission signal equipment and informational signs along interstate and State highways with limited

access in such manner that the radio transmission signal is accessible to motorists along the full length of the highway in order to alert a motorist as to any upcoming severe traffic or road conditions along that highway, unless that highway is already so equipped.

Requires DOT to install and maintain highway advisory radio signal transmission equipment and informational signs along certain highways.