

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 31

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblywoman TURNER

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the New Jersey Turnpike
2 Authority to reduce tolls by 50 percent for trucks using the New Jersey
3 Turnpike between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.

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5 **WHEREAS**, In March, 1991, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority increased
6 tolls 100% for trucks using the New Jersey Turnpike and since that toll
7 increase, truck traffic on local highways, such as Route 206, Route 31 and
8 Route 1, has increased dramatically; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The increased truck traffic on local highways, which are not
10 designed for such traffic, puts the public using local highways at a greater
11 risk of being involved in a traffic accident and increases wear and tear on
12 those local highways; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Increased Turnpike revenues from the toll increase must be offset
14 against the lost revenues from truckers who will no longer use the roadway,
15 the cost of excess wear and tear on local highways, and, most importantly,
16 the cost to public safety; and

17 **WHEREAS**, In weighing these costs, it is clear that it is ultimately more cost
18 effective to reduce tolls for trucks using the Turnpike to encourage truckers
19 to use the facility which was designed for such traffic during off-peak hours
20 by reducing tolls by 50 percent for trucks using the Turnpike between the
21 hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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25 1. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is memorialized to reduce tolls by
26 50 percent for trucks using the New Jersey Turnpike between the hours of
27 midnight and 6:00 a.m. in order to encourage truckers to use that roadway
28 which was designed for such traffic during off-peak hours.

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30 2. Copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General
31 Assembly and attested to by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to

1 the members and Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

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6 This resolution memorializes the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to reduce
7 tolls by 50 percent for trucks using the New Jersey Turnpike between
8 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

9 In 1991, the Turnpike Authority increased tolls 100% for trucks using the
10 roadway. Since that time, truck traffic on local highways, such as Route 206,
11 Route 31 and Route 1, has increased dramatically. This increased truck traffic
12 on local highways, which are not designed for such traffic, puts the public using
13 local roadways at a greater risk of being involved in a traffic accident.

14 Although toll revenues have increased, those revenues must be considered
15 in the light of lost revenues from truckers who will no longer use the roadway,
16 the cost of excess wear and tear on local highways, and, most importantly, the
17 cost to public safety. In weighing those costs, it is clear that it is ultimately
18 more cost effective to reduce tolls by 50 percent for trucks using the Turnpike
19 between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. to encourage truckers to use the
20 facility which was designed for such traffic.

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25 Memorializes Turnpike Authority to reduce tolls by 50% for trucks using
26 Turnpike between midnight and 6:00 a.m.