

SENATE, No. 498

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator SCOTT

1 AN ACT concerning employer trip reduction programs and repealing  
2 P.L.1992, c.32.

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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. As authorized by Section 182(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act as  
8 amended by Pub.L.104-70, the Commissioner of Environmental  
9 Protection shall submit a revision of the State Implementation Plan  
10 submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the  
11 Clean Air Act removing provisions of the State Implementation Plan  
12 requiring employers to reduce work-related vehicle trips and miles  
13 traveled by employees.

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15 2. Sections 1 through 13 (inclusive) and section 15 of P.L.1992,  
16 c.32 (C.27:26A-1 through 13 and 27:26A-14) are repealed.

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 The 1990 amendments to the federal Clean Air Act required states,  
24 such as New Jersey, in severe non-attainment areas for ozone to  
25 include programs requiring employers to implement programs to  
26 reduce work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled by employees in  
27 their State Implementation Plans (SIPs). The Clean Air Act was  
28 recently amended, Pub.L.104-70, to make such programs an optional  
29 part of a State's SIP. The Clean Air Act now authorizes a State to  
30 remove such programs from its SIP, if the State notifies the  
31 Environmental Protection Agency that the State has undertaken, or  
32 will undertake, one or more alternative methods to achieve emission  
33 reductions equivalent to those to be achieved by the employer trip  
34 reduction program.

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36 This bill directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to  
37 so notify the EPA and to remove the mandated employer trip reduction  
program from New Jersey's SIP. The bill also repeals current State

1 law mandating employers to undertake employer trip reduction  
2 programs,

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7 Repeals law requiring employer trip reduction programs.