

SENATE, No. 98

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Senators HAINES and CARDINALE

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Highway Authority and
2 supplementing Chapter 12B 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. The New Jersey Highway Authority is directed to develop a plan
8 for the reduction of the number of operating toll booths on the Garden
9 State Parkway. This plan, shall, at a minimum, require the authority
10 to cease collecting tolls on toll booths located on the Parkway proper
11 in the following fashion: at each toll plaza in operation on the
12 effective date of this act tolls shall only be charged to north bound or
13 south bound traffic so that the users of the roadway shall only be
14 required to pay tolls at every second toll plaza. All tolls shall be
15 removed from toll booths located on entry or exit ramps to the
16 Parkway, except when the booth is located within two miles of a toll
17 plaza. The plan shall be developed and implemented by the authority
18 within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

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20 2. The authority is directed to consider not increasing tolls at any
21 toll booth or plaza to an amount greater than \$0.60 for the passage of
22 a passenger automobile.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 plan for the reduction of the number of operating toll booths on the
31 Garden State Parkway so that motorists would only be charged tolls
32 at every other toll plaza. Currently, all toll plazas charge both north
33 and south bound traffic. After this plan is implemented, each toll plaza
34 on the Parkway proper would only charge north bound or south bound
35 traffic but not both. As far as the "ramp" toll booths rather than the

1 barrier toll booths are concerned, tolls on all such booths would be
2 eliminated except where the booth is located within two miles of a
3 barrier toll plaza. The authority is also directed to consider not
4 increasing tolls for passenger automobiles to an amount greater than
5 \$0.60 at any location.

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10 Requires Highway Authority to eliminate toll collections on alternative
11 toll plazas on Garden State Parkway.