

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1859

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators CASEY, BRYANT and Sacco

1 AN ACT concerning rail transportation and supplementing Title 27 and
2 Title 48 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 right-of-way of a railroad line in this State used for rail
8 passenger service by a railroad company shall contain a marker along
9 the right-of-way at every ¹[one-tenth] one-third¹ of a mile interval
10 indicating the mileage so that the marker may be used to identify the
11 location of a train in the event of an emergency. The markers required
12 by this section shall be installed no later than one year following the
13 effective date of this act.

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15 2. A right-of-way of a railroad line in this State used for rail
16 passenger service by the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall contain
17 a marker along the right-of-way at every ¹[one-tenth] one-third¹ of
18 a mile interval indicating the mileage so that the marker may be used
19 to identify the location of a train in the event of an emergency. The
20 markers required by this section shall be installed no later than one
21 year following the effective date of this act.

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23 3. Not later than six months following the effective date of this act,
24 the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall develop an emergency
25 response access plan for railroad lines in this State used for rail
26 passenger service. The plan shall evaluate the accessibility of the
27 various sections of those rail lines to emergency service vehicles and
28 shall recommend what steps should be taken to improve emergency
29 vehicle access. In particular, consideration shall be given to the
30 construction of access roads to the railroad rights-of-way, the
31 construction of paved or graded roadways and pathways, using

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate floor amendments adopted December 1, 1997.

1 crushed stone or other material, along the right-of-way adjacent to the
2 tracks so that emergency vehicles will have access during inclement
3 weather conditions, and any other measures necessary to insure the
4 accessibility of rail lines to emergency rescue vehicles in the event of
5 an accident or emergency. The plan, along with any accompanying
6 findings, conclusions and recommendations, shall be submitted by the
7 board of the corporation to the Commissioner of Transportation, for
8 the commissioner's consideration, and shall include recommendations
9 for appropriate funding to be included in the commissioner's report of
10 proposed projects to be submitted pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1984,
11 c.73 (C.27:1B-22).

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13 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 Requires NJT to install mile markers and develop emergency response
access plan for railroad lines.