SENATE RESOLUTION No. 50

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator SCHLUTER

1	A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Secretary of Transportation to grant an
2	exemption from federal requirements to the State of New Jersey in order
3	that the State may have greater control over truck traffic.
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5	WHEREAS, Federal law prohibits States from imposing a vehicle width
6	limitation which would prohibit 102 inch wide trucks, the standard width
7	of trucks, from operating on the federal primary system; and
8	WHEREAS, Several highways which are a part of the federal primary system
9	in this State are essentially local roadways and are not suitable for high
10	volume of truck traffic; and
11	WHEREAS, The high volume of truck traffic on these highways, many of which
12	are two-lane undivided highways, has led to traffic congestion, difficult
13	driving conditions and dangerous situations as several of these highways are
14	also school bus routes; and
15	WHEREAS, Federal law permits a State to apply for an exemption from the
16	federal statutory requirement mandating truck access to these highways;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Transportation has applied for such an
19	exemption for those highways in this State, including, but not limited to,
20	Routes 29, 31, 179 and 206, which are not suited for high volume truck
21	traffic; and
22	WHEREAS, The granting of the exemption would allow the Commissioner of
23	Transportation to direct truck traffic to those portions of the State highway
24	system which are better suited for high volume truck traffic; and
25	WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House, as the elected
26	representatives of the citizens of this State who have heard the concerns of
27	its citizens with regard to high volume truck traffic on highways unsuited to
28	that traffic, to call upon the Secretary of Transportation of the United
29	States Department of Transportation to grant an exemption to the State in
30	order that the citizens of this State may travel more safely on its highways;
31	now, therefore,

1	BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:
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3	1. The Secretary of Transportation of the United States Department of
4	Transportation is urged to grant an exemption to the State of New Jersey from
5	the federal statutory requirement mandating truck access to certain highways
6	in the State and thereby provide the Commissioner of Transportation of the
7	State of New Jersey enhanced authority to direct truck traffic to those portions
8	of the State highway system which are better suited for high volume truck
9	traffic.
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11	2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President of
12	the Senate and attested thereto by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted
13	to the Secretary of Transportation of the United States Department of
14	Transportation.
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17	STATEMENT
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19	This Senate Resolution urges the Secretary of Transportation of the United
20	States Department of Transportation to grant an exemption to the State of
21	New Jersey from the federal statutory requirement mandating truck access to
22	certain highways in the State. Several highways which are a part of the federal
23	primary system in this State are essentially local roadways and are not suitable
24	for high volume of truck traffic. The high volume of truck traffic on these
25	highways, many of which are two-lane undivided highways, has led to traffic
26	congestion, difficult driving conditions and dangerous situations as several of
27	these highways are also school bus routes. The grant of the exemption would
28	give the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey enhanced
29	authority to direct truck traffic to those portions of the State highway system
30	which are better suited for high volume truck traffic.
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36	requirements in order that the State may have greater control over truck
37	traffic.