

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,

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