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Note

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 251, *approved October 18, 2021*
Senate, No. 1654

1 **AN ACT** concerning notifications provided through certain
2 electronic toll collection lanes and amending and supplementing
3 P.L.1997, c.59.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1) is amended to
9 read as follows:
10 6. As used in sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-
11 34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.)
12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):
13 "Authority" means the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
14 established by section 3 of P.L.1948, c.454 (C.27:23-3).
15 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
16 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
17 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
18 operated by, or on behalf of, the authority.
19 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
20 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
21 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
22 period of time.
23 "Lessor" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
24 agency, association or organization engaged in the business of
25 renting or leasing vehicles to any lessee under a rental agreement,
26 lease or other contract that provides the lessee with the exclusive
27 use of the vehicle for any period of time.
28 "Operator" means the term "operator" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
29 "Owner" means the term "owner" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
30 "Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor,
31 placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection
32 facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more
33 microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a
34 written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or
35 operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 regulations. The term shall also include any other process that
2 identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.

3 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
4 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 7 of
5 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
6 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may
7 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
8 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
9 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such
10 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
11 system as defined in this section.

12 "Vehicle" means the term "vehicle" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
13 (cf: P.L.2003, c.79, s.36)

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15 2. Section 11 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 11. As used in sections 11 through 15 of P.L.1997, c.59
18 (C.27:25A-21.1 through C.27:25A-21.5) and section 4 of P.L. ____,
19 c. (C. __) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

20 "Authority" means the South Jersey Transportation Authority
21 established by section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-4).

22 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
23 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
24 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
25 operated by, or on behalf of, the authority.

26 "Lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
27 agency, association or organization that rents, leases or contracts for
28 the use of a vehicle and has exclusive use of the vehicle for any
29 period of time.

30 "Lessor" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership,
31 agency, association or organization engaged in the business of
32 renting or leasing vehicles to any lessee under a rental agreement,
33 lease or other contract that provides the lessee with the exclusive
34 use of the vehicle for any period of time.

35 "Operator" means the term "operator" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

36 "Owner" means the term "owner" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

37 "Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor,
38 placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection
39 facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more
40 microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a
41 written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or
42 operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system
43 regulations. The term shall also include any other process that
44 identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.

45 "Toll collection monitoring system regulations" means the
46 regulations authorized and adopted pursuant to section 12 of
47 P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.2) that prohibit a vehicle from making
48 use of any project except upon the payment of such tolls as may

1 from time to time be prescribed by the authority and that further
2 makes it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to
3 refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such
4 tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring
5 system as defined in this section.

6 "Vehicle" means the term "vehicle" as defined in R.S.39:1-1.
7 (cf: P.L.2003, c.79, s.46)
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9 3. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
10 to the contrary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall transmit
11 electronic notification pursuant to the provisions of this section to a
12 customer that passes through a toll plaza operated by the authority,
13 provided that the customer has an account for the electronic toll
14 collection system that is registered with the New Jersey E-ZPass
15 Customer Service Center or successor entity and voluntarily opts in for
16 such notification. The notification shall alert the customer that the
17 electronic toll collection system has registered the customer's
18 account and may be provided by electronic mail, a text message
19 sent directly to a customer's mobile device, or through a mobile
20 application. Notification shall be made within 24 hours of the
21 transaction posting to the customer's account, or as soon as practicable
22 if no valid account is recognized at the time of the transaction. A
23 customer may opt out of receiving the notification that is provided
24 pursuant to the provisions of this section at any time and may be
25 required to confirm participation in the notification program.
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27 4. (New section) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation
28 to the contrary, the South Jersey Transportation Authority shall
29 transmit electronic notification pursuant to the provisions of this
30 section to a customer that passes through a toll plaza operated by the
31 authority, provided that the customer has an account for the
32 electronic toll collection system that is registered with the New
33 Jersey E-ZPass Customer Service Center or successor entity and
34 voluntarily opts in for such notification. The notification shall alert
35 the customer that the electronic toll collection system has registered
36 the customer's account and may be provided by electronic mail, a
37 text message sent directly to a customer's mobile device, or through
38 a mobile application. Notification shall be made within 24 hours of
39 the transaction posting to the customer's account, or as soon as
40 practicable if no valid account is recognized at the time of the
41 transaction. A customer may opt out of receiving the notification that
42 is provided pursuant to the provisions of this section at any time and
43 may be required to confirm participation in the notification program.
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45 5. This act shall take effect immediately, but the provisions of
46 sections 3 and 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
47 Legislature as this bill) shall not be construed as affecting the terms

1 of any contract or agreement in effect as of the effective date of this
2 act.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill requires the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the
8 South Jersey Transportation Authority (authorities) to transmit
9 electronic notification to a customer that passes through a toll plaza
10 operated by the authority, provided that the customer has an account
11 for the electronic toll collection system that is registered with the
12 New Jersey E-ZPass Customer Service Center and voluntarily opts
13 in for such notification. The notification is required to be
14 transmitted within 24 hours of the transaction posting to the
15 customer's account. The notification may be provided by electronic
16 mail, a text message sent directly to a customer's mobile device, or
17 through a mobile application. The bill would apply to toll plazas on
18 the State's three toll roads, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden
19 State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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24 Allows NJ E-ZPass customers to opt to receive electronic
25 notification of use of E-ZPass system at toll plazas operated by
26 NJTA and SJTA.