

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 32:8-23 (Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission-- authorize collection of tolls on certain roads)

**LAWS OF:** 1985 **CHAPTER:** 343

**BILL NO:** A3730

**Sponsor(s):** Watson

**Date Introduced:** June 20, 1985

**Committee: Assembly:** Transportation and Communications  
**Senate:** -----

**Amended during passage:** No

**Date of Passage:** **Assembly:** June 24, 1985  
**Senate:** September 12, 1985

**Date of Approval:** October 21, 1985

**Following statements are attached if available:**

**Sponsor statement:** Yes

**Committee statement:** **Assembly** Yes  
**Senate** No

**Fiscal Note:** No

**Veto Message:** No

**Message on Signing:** Yes

**Following were printed:**

**Reports:** No

**Hearings:** No

**Similar Statute enacted in Pennsylvania:**  
 Act No. 1985-41, approved 7-3-85.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3730

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1985

By Assemblyman WATSON

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9 do so by substantially similar laws enacted by the State of New  
10 Jersey and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of legislation having an identical  
3 effect with the provisions of this act, but if the Commonwealth of  
4 Pennsylvania shall have already enacted such legislation, then  
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This bill would allow the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission to fix, charge and collect fees, rentals and tolls on existing bridges under its jurisdiction and control on which tolls were not charged or collected in 1984 and which were financed in part with federal funds *only* if authorized to do so by substantially similar laws being enacted in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
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The committee reported the bill favorably.



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# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NEWS RELEASE

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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-2096, sponsored by State Senator Wayne Dumont, Jr., R-Warren, which authorizes the Governor to enter into a new bi-state agreement with Pennsylvania amending the present enabling compact of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.

The amended compact would allow the Commission to operate and maintain the proposed Interstate-78 bridge between Phillipsburg and Easton, Pennsylvania, as a toll facility and to continue to operate and maintain the current I-80 bridge as a toll facility.

A-3730, sponsored by Assemblyman John S. Watson, D-Mercer, which clarifies S-2096 to require that the Commission may only initiate tolls on any of its 13 free bridges if authorized to do so by substantially similar laws enacted in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A-955, sponsored by Assemblyman William P. Schuber, R-Bergen, which permits a board of education providing transportation for handicapped students to solicit bids on a per pupil, per vehicle or per mile basis, whichever is least costly. Current law provides only for per mile and per vehicle bids.

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