

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-33

(Sanitation trucks - license plates  
- allow display more than 48 inches  
above ground)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 428

Bill No: S1911

Sponsor(s): Orechio

Date Introduced: November 8, 1982

Committee: Assembly: Transportation and Communications  
Senate: Transportation and Communications

Amended during passage: NO

Date of Passage: Assembly: December 8, 1983  
Senate: January 11, 1983

Date of Approval: January 5, 1984

Following statements are attached if available:

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Committee statement:	Assembly	YES
	Senate	YES
Fiscal Note:		NO
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Message on Signing:		NO
Following were printed:		
Reports:		NO
Hearings:		NO

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**SENATE, No. 1911**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 8, 1982

By Senator ORECHIO

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT concerning certain motor vehicle license plates and amend-  
ing R. S. 39:3-33.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
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1 1. R. S. 39:3-33 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-33. The owner of an automobile which is driven on the  
3 public highways of this State shall display not less than 12 inches  
4 nor more than 48 inches from the ground in a horizontal position,  
5 and in such a way as not to swing, an identification mark or marks  
6 to be furnished by the division; provided, that if two marks are  
7 issued they shall be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle;  
8 and provided, further, that if only one mark is issued it shall be  
9 displayed on the rear of the vehicle; and provided, further, that  
10 the rear identification mark may be displayed more than 48 inches  
11 from the ground on tank trucks, trailers and other commercial  
12 vehicles carrying inflammable liquids *and on sanitation vehicles*  
13 *which are used to collect, transport and dispose of garbage, solid*  
14 *wastes and refuse.* Motorcycles shall also display an identification  
15 mark or marks; provided, that if two marks are issued they shall  
16 be displayed on the front and rear of the motorcycle; and provided,  
17 further, that if only one mark is issued it shall be displayed on the  
18 rear of the motorcycle.

19 The identification mark or marks shall contain the number of the  
20 registration certificate of the vehicle and shall be of such design  
21 and material as the director prescribes. All registration plates  
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23 nature and shall be fully treated with a reflectorized material de-  
24 signed to increase the nighttime visibility and legibility thereof,  
25 according to specifications prescribed by the division, except that  
26 the division shall first use any existing supplies of nonreflectorized  
27 plates which it ordered prior to that date. Whenever reflectorized  
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29 tration fee is normally charged, the division may charge an addi-  
30 tional fee not to exceed \$0.05 above actual costs. All identification  
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34 The director is authorized and empowered to issue registration  
35 plate inserts, to be inserted in and attached to the registration  
36 plates or markers described herein. They may be issued in the  
37 place of new registration plates or markers; and inscribed thereon,  
38 in numerals, shall be the year in which registration of the vehicle  
39 has been granted.

40 No person shall drive a motor vehicle, the owner of which has  
41 not complied with the provisions of this subtitle concerning the  
42 proper registration and identification thereof, nor drive a motor  
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45 A person convicted of displaying a fictitious number, as pro-  
46 hibited herein, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or  
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48 A person violating any other provision of this section shall be  
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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill will allow license plates on sanitation trucks which are used to collect, transport and dispose of garbage to be displayed more than 48 inches from the ground. Generally, license plates must be displayed not less than 12 inches nor more than 48 inches from the ground.

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1911**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 1982

This bill provides that rear license plates on sanitation vehicles used to collect, transport and dispose of garbage, solid waste, and refuse may be displayed more than 48 inches from the ground. Under existing law tank trucks, trailers and other commercial vehicles carrying inflammable liquids are also exempt from the 48 inch maximum. Generally, license plates must be displayed not less than 12 inches nor more than 48 inches from the ground.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

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DATED: APRIL 11, 1983

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BILLS SIGNED

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JANUARY 5, 1984

S-1911, sponsored by State Senator Carmen A. Orechio, D-Essex, which permits license plates on sanitation trucks to be displayed more than 48 inches above the ground.

S-1993, sponsored by State Senator Herman T. Costello, D-Burlington, which increases the Lottery Commission's authority to impose sanctions for violations by ticket sellers.

S-3039, sponsored by State Senator Edward T. O'Connor, which would permit the appointment of acting municipal court judges on an as-needed basis.

S-3574, sponsored by State Senator Gerald R. Stockman, D-Mercer, which eliminates the limit placed upon the Division of Youth and Family Services for providing emergency funds to families with children to prevent out-of-the-home placement of those children.

A-1752, sponsored by Assemblyman Dennis L. Riley, D-Camden, which prohibits mobile home park owners and operators from evicting residents for posting "for sale" signs on their mobile homes.

A-2006, sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent O. Pellecchia, D-Passaic, which restores to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office county detective positions lost when the statute fixing the number of positions available was amended last year.

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