

App. A. 9-49.1
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LAWS OF: 2011 **CHAPTER:** 103

NJSA: App. A. 9-49.1 (Prohibits towing and transportation of boats during emergency evacuations)

BILL NO: S255 (Substituted for A854)

SPONSOR(S) Van Drew and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 12, 2010

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Law and Public Safety

SENATE: Transportation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 29, 2011

SENATE: June 29, 2011

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 18, 2011

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)

S255

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	Yes
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

A854

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: No
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

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VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: Yes

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: No

974.90 T764 2007c

Task force meeting of Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force : discussion of the task force's goals and objectives as well as the individual need of each participating county : [May 31, 2007, Cape May, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services, Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23898>

974.90 T764 2007d

Task force meeting of Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force : meeting to assess current emergency plans for a coordinated evacuation of coastal communities in Cape May and Cumberland counties : [August 6, 2007, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23899>

974.90 T764 2007e

Task force meeting of Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force : meeting to assess current emergency plans for a coordinated evacuation of coastal communities in Cape May and Cumberland counties : [October 4, 2007, Office of Emergency Management, Bridgeton, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23900>

974.90 T764 2007f

Task force meeting of Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force : meeting to assess current emergency plans for a coordinated evacuation of coastal communities in Cape May and Cumberland counties : [October 9, 2007, St. Francis Community Center, Long Beach Township, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23901>

974.90 T764 2007g

Task force meeting of Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force : meeting to assess current emergency plans for a coordinated evacuation of coastal communities in Cape May and Cumberland counties : [December 20, 2007, Monmouth County Library, Manalapan, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23902>

974.90 t764 2008g

Final report / Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10929/23929>

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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 103, *approved August 18, 2011*
Senate, No. 255 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning emergency management and supplementing
2 chapter 9 of Appendix A.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. **1** **['The] Unless otherwise ordered by the State Director of**
8 **Emergency Management, a County Emergency Management**
9 **Coordinator, or a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator,**
10 **the**¹ operator of a motor vehicle shall not tow any trailer,
11 semitrailer, or any other type of drawn or towed trailer, including a
12 trailer transporting a boat, on a public highway located in an area
13 where an emergency or local disaster emergency as defined in
14 section 3 of P.L.1953, c. 438 (C.App.A:9-33.1) has been declared
15 and an evacuation plan is in effect. This prohibition shall not apply
16 to emergency vehicles. **1** **The operator of a motor vehicle who**
17 **violates this prohibition may be charged with failure to obey**
18 **signals, signs, or directions under emergency conditions with regard**
19 **to the flow of vehicular traffic, and upon conviction shall be subject**
20 **to penalties for a violation of section 3 of P.L.1950, c.70 (C.39:4-**
21 **215).**¹

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 Prohibits towing and transportation of boats during emergency
29 evacuations.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted June 23, 2011.

SENATE, No. 255

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Senator CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits towing and transportation of boats during emergency evacuations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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STATEMENT

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20 This bill would prohibit the towing of trailers, and transportation
21 of boats on public highways, while an evacuation plan is effect
22 during an emergency.

23 This bill would implement Recommendation 4 of the Final
24 Report of the Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force
25 which was submitted to the Speaker on May 23, 2008. The task
26 force found that the practice of towing in the presence of high
27 winds further endangers motorists.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 255

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2011

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 255.

Senate Bill No. 255 prohibits the towing of trailers, including trailers transporting a boat, on public highways during an emergency while an evacuation plan is in effect.

This bill would implement Recommendation 4 of the Final Report of the Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force which was submitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly on May 23, 2008. The task force found that the practice of towing in the presence of high winds further endangers motorists.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 854, also reported on this same date.

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 255

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman MILAM)

ADOPTED: JUNE 23, 2011

Senate Bill No. 255 prohibits the towing of trailers, including trailers transporting a boat, on public highways during an emergency while an evacuation plan is in effect.

Under these Assembly amendments, towing of trailers would be authorized if ordered by the State Director of Emergency Management, a County Emergency Management Coordinator, or a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. This allows these emergency management coordinators flexibility in emergency situations if certain trailers need to be moved.

These Assembly amendments also add a penalty provision to the bill. An offender may be charged with failure to obey signals, signs, or directions under emergency conditions with regard to the flow of vehicular traffic. If convicted, the offender is subject to a fine of up to \$100, imprisonment for up to 10 days, or both.

ASSEMBLY, No. 854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MATTHEW W. MILAM

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Assemblyman NELSON T. ALBANO

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Assemblyman BRIAN E. RUMPF

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2011

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Assembly Bill No. 854 prohibits the towing of trailers, including trailers transporting a boat, on public highways during an emergency while an evacuation plan is in effect.

This bill would implement Recommendation 4 of the Final Report of the Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force which was submitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly on May 23, 2008. The task force found that the practice of towing in the presence of high winds further endangers motorists.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 255, also reported on this same date.