#### 27:1A-5

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NJSA: 27:1A-5 (Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit

sponsorship acknowledgement and advertising on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and

equipment)

BILL NO: A3944 (Substituted for S2787)

SPONSOR(S) Wisniewski and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** May 5, 2011

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities

**SENATE:** Transportation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** ASSEMBLY: May 9, 2011

**SENATE:** June 29, 2011

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** September 16, 2011

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First reprint enacted)

A3944

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

**SENATE:** Yes Transportation

Budget .

(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: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: Yes

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**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)

Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** 

ASSEMBLY: No .

**SENATE:** Yes Transportation

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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#### P.L.2011, CHAPTER 133, approved September 16, 2011 Assembly, No. 3944 (First Reprint)

AN ACT providing for sponsorship by private entities of NJDOT safety or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment, amending P.L.1966, c.301.

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

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- 5. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall have all of the functions, powers and duties heretofore vested in the State Highway Commissioner and shall, in addition to the functions, powers and duties vested in him by this act or by any other law:
- (a) Develop and maintain a comprehensive master plan for all modes of transportation development, with special emphasis on public transportation. Such plan shall be revised and updated at least every five years;
- (b) Develop and promote programs to foster efficient and economical transportation services in the State;
- (c) Prepare plans for the preservation, improvement and expansion of the public transportation system, with special emphasis on the coordination of transit modes and the use of rail rights of way, highways and public streets for public transportation purposes;
- (d) Enter into contracts with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the provision and improvement of public transportation services;
- (e) Coordinate the transportation activities of the department with those of other public agencies and authorities;
- (f) Cooperate with interstate commissions and authorities, State departments, councils, commissions and other State agencies, with appropriate federal agencies, and with interested private individuals and organizations in the coordination of plans and policies for the development of air commerce and air facilities;
- (g) Make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the department's operations, and render such other reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be required by law;
- 38 (h) Promulgate regulations providing for the charging of and 39 setting the amount of fees for certain services performed by and 40 permits issued by the department, including but not limited to the 41 following:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted May 5, 2011.

- (1) Providing copies of documents prepared by or in the custody of the department;
  - (2) Aeronautics permits;

- (3) Right-of-way permits;
- (4) Traffic signal control systems;
  - (i) Develop and promote programs for the preservation, improvement and expansion of freight railroads, with special emphasis on the use of rail rights of way for the purpose of providing rail freight service;
  - (j) Develop and promote a program to ensure the safety and continued operation of aviation facilities in New Jersey;
  - (k) <sup>1</sup>[(1)] <sup>1</sup> Enter into agreements with a public or private entity or consortia thereof to provide for the development of demonstration projects through the use of public-private partnerships pursuant to sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1997, c.136 (C.27:1D-1 through C.27:1D-9); <sup>1</sup>[and
  - (2) Enter into agreements or contracts with a private entity and charge and collect fees or other payments for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for a safety service patrol or emergency service patrol program operated by the department, or operated by a private entity under contract with the department or through the use of a public-private partnership or demonstration project; and ]<sup>1</sup>
  - (l) Do any and all things necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-1 et seq.) and to exercise the powers given and granted in that act <sup>1</sup>; and
  - (m) Enter into agreements or contracts with a private entity and charge and collect fees or other payments for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for a safety service patrol or emergency service patrol program operated by the department, or operated by a private entity under contract with the department or through the use of a public-private partnership or demonstration project<sup>1</sup>.
  - (cf: P.L.1997, c.136, s.10)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenuegenerating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

## ASSEMBLY, No. 3944

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 214th LEGISLATURE

**INTRODUCED MAY 5, 2011** 

**Sponsored by:** 

Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI District 19 (Middlesex) Assemblyman BRIAN E. RUMPF District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

#### **Co-Sponsored by:**

Assemblymen O'Donnell, Coughlin, Benson, P. Barnes, III, Egan, Prieto, Assemblywomen Wagner, Voss, Stender, Rodriguez, Assemblymen Milam, Albano, Assemblywoman Riley, Assemblymen Burzichelli, Giblin, Assemblywoman Pou, Assemblyman Rudder, Senators Norcross and Beach

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2011)

AN ACT providing for sponsorship by private entities of NJDOT safety or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment, amending P.L.1966, c.301.

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

- 1. Section 5 of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-5) is amended to read as follows:
- 5. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall have all of the functions, powers and duties heretofore vested in the State Highway Commissioner and shall, in addition to the functions, powers and duties vested in him by this act or by any other law:
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- (b) Develop and promote programs to foster efficient and economical transportation services in the State;
- (c) Prepare plans for the preservation, improvement and expansion of the public transportation system, with special emphasis on the coordination of transit modes and the use of rail rights of way, highways and public streets for public transportation purposes;
- (d) Enter into contracts with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the provision and improvement of public transportation services;
- (e) Coordinate the transportation activities of the department with those of other public agencies and authorities;
- (f) Cooperate with interstate commissions and authorities, State departments, councils, commissions and other State agencies, with appropriate federal agencies, and with interested private individuals and organizations in the coordination of plans and policies for the development of air commerce and air facilities;
- (g) Make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the department's operations, and render such other reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be required by law;
- (h) Promulgate regulations providing for the charging of and setting the amount of fees for certain services performed by and permits issued by the department, including but not limited to the following:
- (1) Providing copies of documents prepared by or in the custody of the department;
- (2) Aeronautics permits;
- 45 (3) Right-of-way permits;

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- (4) Traffic signal control systems;
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- (j) Develop and promote a program to ensure the safety and continued operation of aviation facilities in New Jersey;
- (k) (1) Enter into agreements with a public or private entity or consortia thereof to provide for the development of demonstration projects through the use of public-private partnerships pursuant to sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1997, c.136 (C.27:1D-1 through C.27:1D-9); and
- (2) Enter into agreements or contracts with a private entity and charge and collect fees or other payments for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for a safety service patrol or emergency service patrol program operated by the department, or operated by a private entity under contract with the department or through the use of a public-private partnership or demonstration project; and
- (l) Do any and all things necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-1 et seq.) and to exercise the powers given and granted in that act. (cf: P.L.1997, c.136, s.10)

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the New Jersey Department of Transportation to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

# ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

#### ASSEMBLY, No. 3944

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 2011

The Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with amendments Assembly Bill No. 3944.

As reported, this amended bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the New Jersey Department of Transportation to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee made amended the bill to set apart the paragraph granting the commissioner the power to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment from an existing subsection of law and instead created a new subsection of the bill for that provision.

#### SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 3944

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 26, 2011

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3944 (1R).

As reported, this bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the department to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

As reported, Assembly Bill No. 3944(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2787, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

#### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] **ASSEMBLY, No. 3944**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2011

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3944 (1R).

This bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol (SSP) or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the department to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

Assembly Bill No. 3944 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2787 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has indicated that it anticipates that \$2 million in revenue would be received in each of the next three fiscal years if it entered into an agreement with a private entity for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for the SSP. There would be no reduction in the federal funding received by the DOT if it received funding from a sponsorship. The revenue estimate is based on details from a meeting between Travelers Marketing and the DOT to discuss a partnership with State Farm Insurance that indicated an estimated value of \$10 million over five years for the sponsorship. There would be no additional expense to the DOT to administer this program and services provided by the SSP would remain the same.

The sponsorship would include: co-branding/naming of the patrol; redesigning the SSP roadway signs; redesigning the exterior paint and

logos of the SSP trucks; redesigning customer comment cards; program brochures; web page; adding vendor's patch to the DOT's SSP driver's uniform; and public relations and promotional opportunities. The DOT may incur minimal costs for these items depending on the contract details.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the findings of the DOT. The best estimate of the amount of revenue that can be realized through this program is the amount estimated by State Farm through Travelers Marketing, since they are the only company currently sponsoring State emergency service patrols. There are currently seven states that have corporate sponsorship of their emergency service patrols. All seven states have partnered with State Farm, and the most lucrative of these partnerships is the one between New York State and State Farm for \$10.8 million over five years, or approximately \$2.16 million per year. It is likely that any sponsorship agreement made by New Jersey would also be with State Farm and the estimate by Travelers Marketing of \$2 million per year would be the starting point for any formal discussions of an agreement.

Private sponsorship of State emergency service patrols is relatively new. The first private sponsorship was between State Farm and Massachusetts in 2003. Georgia, New York, Kansas, and Maryland all signed their agreements with State Farm since 2009, and New Jersey would be just the eighth State to make a private sponsorship agreement. It is likely that more states will consider signing private sponsorship agreements in future years in light of the fiscal distress faced by many States in recent years. If companies other than State Farm become involved in this type of sponsorship, competition among potential sponsors will increase and the revenue generated by these agreements will also likely increase. This potential for future growth leads the OLS to find that it is possible that potential revenue could grow beyond \$2 million per year.

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 3944 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 15, 2011

#### **SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenue-generating

sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising

on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

**Type of Impact:** Third party revenue source for Department of Transportation.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury, Department of Transportation.

#### **Executive Estimate**

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Other Revenue	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million

- Revenue from sponsorships will supplement federal funding that currently funds the Safety Service Patrol (SSP) program. Sponsorship money could be used to expand services or reprogram federal funds to elsewhere in the Department of Transportation (DOT) budget.
- Private sponsorship of State highway crews is a relatively new development and as this form of sponsorship matures, future sponsorship may generate additional revenue.

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 3944 (1R) of 2011 would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of the DOT to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted this bill would allow the DOT to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols as recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and practiced in numerous other states including New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.



#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

The DOT anticipates that \$2 million in revenue would be received in each of the next three fiscal years if it entered into an agreement with a private entity for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for the SSP. There would be no reduction in the federal funding received by the DOT if it received funding from a sponsorship. The revenue estimate is based on details from a meeting between Travelers Marketing and the DOT to discuss a partnership with State Farm Insurance that indicated an estimated value of \$10 million over five years for the sponsorship. There would be no additional expense to the DOT to administer this program and services provided by the SSP would remain the same.

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#### OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the findings of the DOT. The best estimate of the amount of revenue that can be realized through this program is the amount estimated by State Farm through Travelers Marketing, since they are the only company currently sponsoring State emergency service patrols. There are currently seven states that have corporate sponsorship of their emergency service patrols. All seven states have partnered with State Farm, and the most lucrative of these partnerships is the one between New York State and State Farm for \$10.8 million over five years, or approximately \$2.16 million per year. It is likely that any sponsorship agreement made by New Jersey would also be with State Farm and the estimate by Travelers Marketing of \$2 million per year would be the starting point for any formal discussions of an agreement.

Private sponsorship of State emergency service patrols is relatively new. The first private sponsorship was between State Farm and Massachusetts in 2003. Georgia, New York, Kansas, and Maryland all signed their agreements with State Farm since 2009, and New Jersey would be just the eighth State to make a private sponsorship agreement. It is likely that more states will consider signing private sponsorship agreements in future years in light of the fiscal distress faced by many States in recent years. If companies other than State Farm become involved in this type of sponsorship, competition among potential sponsors will increase and the revenue generated by these agreements will also likely increase. This potential for future growth leads the OLS to find that it is possible that potential revenue could grow beyond \$2 million per year.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

Analyst: Patrick Brennan

Assistant Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

## **SENATE, No. 2787**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 21, 2011

Sponsored by: Senator DONALD NORCROSS District 5 (Camden and Gloucester) Senator JAMES BEACH District 6 (Camden)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2011)

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(cf: P.L.1997, c.136, s.10)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the New Jersey Department of Transportation to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

#### SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

#### **SENATE, No. 2787**

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 26, 2011

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2787 with committee amendments.

As reported, this amended bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the department to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

The committee amended the bill to set apart the paragraph granting the commissioner the power to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment from an existing subsection of law and instead created a new subsection of the bill for that provision.

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 2787 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3944(1R), which was reported by the committee on this date.

#### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 2787 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

**DATED: JUNE 23, 2011** 

#### **SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Authorizes Commissioner of NJDOT to procure revenue-generating

sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising

on, safety and emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

**Type of Impact:** Third party revenue source for Department of Transportation.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury, Department of Transportation.

#### **Executive Estimate**

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Other Revenue	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million

- Revenue from sponsorships will supplement federal funding that currently funds the Safety Service Patrol (SSP) program. Sponsorship money could be used to expand services or reprogram federal funds to elsewhere in the Department of Transportation (DOT) budget.
- Private sponsorship of State highway crews is a relatively new development and as this form
  of sponsorship matures, future sponsorship may generate additional revenue.

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 2787 (1R) of 2011 would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of the DOT to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted this bill would allow the DOT to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols as recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and practiced in numerous other states including New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.



#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

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Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

#### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] **SENATE, No. 2787**

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2011

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2787 (1R).

This bill would expressly clarify that the broad discretionary powers afforded the Commissioner of Transportation to carry out the commissioner's duties include authorization for the department to procure revenue-generating sponsors for, and permit sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on, safety service patrol (SSP) or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment.

If enacted, this bill would allow the department to partner with private entities and realize sponsorship revenues to offset the costs of safety or emergency service patrols (considered by the Federal Highway Administration, or FHWA, to be among the most cost-effective highway safety and congestion mitigation programs) as recommended by the FHWA and practiced in numerous other states including, without limitation, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, and Georgia.

Senate Bill No. 2787 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3944(1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has indicated that it anticipates that \$2 million in revenue would be received in each of the next three fiscal years if it entered into an agreement with a private entity for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for the SSP. There would be no reduction in the federal funding received by the DOT if it received funding from a sponsorship. The revenue estimate is based on details from a meeting between Travelers Marketing and the DOT to discuss a partnership with State Farm Insurance that indicated an estimated value of \$10 million over five years for the sponsorship. There would be no additional expense to the DOT to administer this program and services provided by the SSP would remain the same.

The sponsorship would include: co-branding/naming of the patrol; redesigning the SSP roadway signs; redesigning the exterior paint and

logos of the SSP trucks; redesigning customer comment cards; program brochures; web page; adding vendor's patch to the DOT's SSP driver's uniform; and public relations and promotional opportunities. The DOT may incur minimal costs for these items depending on the contract details.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the findings of the DOT. The best estimate of the amount of revenue that can be realized through this program is the amount estimated by State Farm through Travelers Marketing, since they are the only company currently sponsoring State emergency service patrols. There are currently seven states that have corporate sponsorship of their emergency service patrols. All seven states have partnered with State Farm, and the most lucrative of these partnerships is the one between New York State and State Farm for \$10.8 million over five years, or approximately \$2.16 million per year. It is likely that any sponsorship agreement made by New Jersey would also be with State Farm and the estimate by Travelers Marketing of \$2 million per year would be the starting point for any formal discussions of an agreement.

Private sponsorship of State emergency service patrols is relatively new. The first private sponsorship was between State Farm and Massachusetts in 2003. Georgia, New York, Kansas, and Maryland all signed their agreements with State Farm since 2009, and New Jersey would be just the eighth State to make a private sponsorship agreement. It is likely that more states will consider signing private sponsorship agreements in future years in light of the fiscal distress faced by many States in recent years. If companies other than State Farm become involved in this type of sponsorship, competition among potential sponsors will increase and the revenue generated by these agreements will also likely increase. This potential for future growth leads the OLS to find that it is possible that potential revenue could grow beyond \$2 million per year.