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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Sponsor(s): Bryant, Riley and Marsella

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Senate: Transportation and Communications

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ASSEMBLY, No. 185

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen BRYANT, RILEY and MARSELLA

AN ACT concerning notification of the closing of public roads and highways and supplementing subtitle 2 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. For the purposes of this act "State, county or municipal  
2 highway or road" means any public street, thoroughfare, roadway,  
3 bridge, traffic circle, tunnel, overpass, interchange, and way in  
4 this State open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the  
5 purpose of vehicular travel which has been constructed, taken over,  
6 or is owned, controlled, or maintained by the State or a county or  
7 municipality thereof.

1 2. Whenever a State, county or municipal highway or road shall  
2 be closed for any reason either continuously or during certain  
3 hours to vehicular traffic over a period of 48 hours or longer  
4 necessitating the interruption of the flow of any or all traffic by  
5 detour, rerouting or diversion, the governing body or agency  
6 closing the highway or road shall cause the erection and main-  
7 tenance of signs at such points at or near the affected area as it  
8 deems advisable at least 72 hours in advance of the closing. The  
9 signs shall name the highway or road to be closed and the antici-  
10 pated dates and times of closing. This information shall also be  
11 sent in writing by the governing body or agency at least 1 week  
12 prior to the closing to the municipality wherein the affected high-  
13 way or road is located.

1 3. Should the governing body or agency closing the highway or  
2 road determine that an emergency condition exists requiring the  
3 immediate closing of a State, county or municipal highway or road  
4 for a period of 48 hours or longer, the notice requirements of this  
5 act need not be given within the prescribed time periods but every  
6 effort shall be made to notify the public as soon as possible of the  
7 closing.

1 4. This act shall take effect 90 days following enactment.

## STATEMENT

This legislation provides for notice to the public concerning the closing of any State, county or municipal highway or road for a period of 48 or more hours. The governing body or agency closing the highway or road shall erect signs near the affected area at least 72 hours prior to such closing. The signs shall name the highway or road to be closed and the anticipated dates and times of closing. One week prior to the closing, the governing body or agency shall notify the municipality in which the affected highway or road is located.

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The Department of Transportation supports this legislation.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 185

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 1, 1982

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In the case where an emergency condition exists necessitating the immediate closing of a highway or road without the aforementioned advanced notification every effort shall be made by the governing body or agency closing the highway or roadway to notify the public as soon as possible of the closing.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 185

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 11, 1983

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1983

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-1479, sponsored by State Senator Edward T. O'Connor, Jr., (Hudson), which increases from 2 percent to 5 percent the aggregate amount of assets a domestic property and casualty insurer can invest in investments not specifically permitted under New Jersey law, and permits the insurer to maintain their investment securities physically outside the State.

S-1655, sponsored by State Senator John P. Caufield, (D-Essex), which requires the Police Training Commission to design a course of training specifically for members of arson investigation units in fire departments.

A-185, sponsored by Assemblyman Wayne R. Bryant, (D-Camden), which requires 72 hours advance public notice of the closing of any State, county or municipal road that will be closed for more than 48 hours.

A-72, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert P. Hollenbeck, (D-Bergen), which prohibits the retail sale of items used in home construction which violate the Uniform Construction Code.

A-275, sponsored by Assemblyman William E. Flynn, (D-Middlesex), which requires the issuance of photo-identification cards to adult recipients of aid to families with dependent children as a condition of receiving such aid.

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