

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 27:12C-26.1, 27:12C-26.2 (Expressway Authority--public hearing required for toll increase.)

LAWS OF 1977 CHAPTER 360

Bill No. S625

Sponsor(s) Dodd, Russo, Bedell

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Transportation & Communications

Senate Transportation & Communications

Amended during passage Yes ~~xxx~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement xYesx No

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~xxx~~

Senate Yes ~~xxx~~

Fiscal Note xYesx No

Veto Message xYesx No

Message on signing xYesx No

Following were printed:

Reports xYesx No

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SENATE, No. 625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Senators DODD, RUSSO and BEDELL

A SUPPLEMENT to "The New Jersey Expressway Authority Act,"
approved February 19, 1962 (P. L. 1962, c. 10, C. 27:12C-1
et seq.).

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

1 1. The authority shall, whenever it desires to increase any exist-
2 ing toll or establish any new toll for the use of any project and the
3 different parts or sections thereof, hold a public hearing on such
4 proposed toll at least 45 days prior to the date on which such toll
5 is proposed to become effective.

1 2. The authority shall cause to be published notice of such hear-
2 ing at least 10 days prior to such hearing in at least 10 newspapers
3 with ***[the largest]*** *a* daily circulation in this State.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE, No. 625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 8, 1976

Amend page 1, section 2, line 3, omit "the largest", insert "a".

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 625

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 1976

This bill provides that the New Jersey Expressway Authority shall hold a public hearing on the establishment of any new toll or the increase of any existing toll. This hearing shall take place at least 45 days prior to the date on which such toll is to become effective. At present, such public hearings are not required.

The committee amended the bill so as to provide that the authority shall publish notice of such hearing at least 10 days prior to such hearing in at least 10 newspapers with a daily circulation in New Jersey. The purpose of the amendment is to insure that proper notification will be made available to citizens from the various geographical areas of New Jersey who may be effected by a proposed toll increase.

The Department of Transportation supports this legislation noting that it is consistent with governmental efforts to increase community involvement. A representative from the Expressway Authority did not appear before the committee to comment on the bill.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 625

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: MAY 13, 1976

This bill provides that the New Jersey Expressway Authority shall hold a public hearing on the establishment of any new toll or the increase of any existing toll. This hearing shall take place at least 45 days prior to the date on which such toll is to become effective. The authority is required to publish notice of such hearings in accordance with the provisions of this act. Such hearings are not at present required.

The intent of this bill, according to the sponsor, is to provide citizens with an opportunity to voice their opinions before tolls are increased or established. These hearings would allow for public scrutiny of the need for a toll increase or the establishment of a new toll. Thus the public could become involved in a process from which it is now presently excluded.

The Department of Transportation supports this legislation. A representative from the Expressway Authority did not appear before the committee to comment on the bill.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 1, 1978

KATHY FORSYTH
ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law the following bills:

S-625, sponsored by Senator Frank Dodd, D-Essex, which requires the New Jersey Expressway Authority to hold public hearings on any toll increases at least 45 days before the new toll is effective.

This requirement will also apply to the establishment of any tolls.

The Authority is required to publish a notice of the hearing at least ten days in advance in ten daily newspapers circulated in the state.

S-626, also sponsored by Senator Dodd, which requires the New Jersey Highway Authority to hold public hearings on any toll increases at least 45 days before the new toll is effective. It is companion legislation to S-625.

S-3218, sponsored by Senator Anthony Scardino, Jr., D-Lyndhurst, which appropriates \$839,770 from the State Facilities for the Handicapped Fund for safety improvements and other renovations at the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf in Trenton.

The funds are from the \$80 million Institutions Bond Issue approved by the voters in 1976.

The total cost of the fire-life safety system, including sprinklers, flashing light alarms and automatic fire doors, is estimated at approximately \$1.7 million. A balance of \$500,000 is available from other appropriations, and Governor Byrne signed A-2267, appropriating the remaining \$366,000, on Tuesday.

S-3379, sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman, D-Teaneck, which establishes a procedure for the enforcement and review of orders of the Employment Relations Panel of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Established in 1976, in an action recommended by the Governors of both states, the panel's regulations provide for full collective negotiations for the more than 8,000 employees of the Port Authority.

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