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Assembly, No. 3927

1 AN ACT concerning farm vehicles and farm equipment, amending
2 various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing Title 39 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. R.S.39:3-24 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-24. (a) The **[director]** chief administrator shall register
10 farm tractors and traction equipment used for farm operation to
11 travel upon the public highways. The fee for **[such]** registration
12 shall be \$5 per annum, whether the registration is issued for the
13 yearly period or only a portion thereof. **[Such traction]** Traction
14 equipment or farm tractors may draw farm machinery and
15 implements while in transit from one farm to another without
16 additional registration therefor.

17 (b) The **[director]** chief administrator may register motor
18 vehicles, not for hire, used exclusively as farm machinery or farm
19 implements, to travel upon the public highways, from one farm, or
20 portion thereof, to another farm, or portion thereof, both owned or
21 managed by the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles. The fee
22 for **[such]** registration shall be \$5 per annum, whether the
23 registration is issued for a yearly period or only a portion thereof.
24 Any vehicle **[so]** registered and any truck, van, sport utility
25 vehicle, or similar vehicle registered pursuant to the provisions of
26 **[39:3-25 of this Title]** R.S.39:3-25 may draw not more than one
27 vehicle used exclusively on the farm and a vehicle so drawn need
28 not be registered. A vehicle registered pursuant to this section or
29 **[to]** R.S.39:3-25 may be used under contract with a municipality to
30 remove snow upon a public highway.

31 (c) No vehicle registered pursuant to this section shall be
32 operated on a public highway at any time from sunset to sunrise,
33 except a vehicle being operated under contract with a municipality
34 to remove snow or a vehicle equipped with proper safety lighting
35 during the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after
36 sunset. Every **[such]** vehicle registered pursuant to this section,
37 when operated on a public highway, shall have means adequate to

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 control the movement of ~~and~~, to stop, and to hold ~~such~~ the
2 vehicle on any up or down grade and shall be operated in
3 accordance with uniform rules and regulations prescribed by the
4 ~~Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles~~ chief administrator.
5 ~~Such~~ The rules and regulations shall specify the coverings that
6 may be used on the wheels of ~~such~~ vehicles~~,~~ registered
7 pursuant to this section; the days, hours, and conditions under
8 which ~~such~~ vehicles registered pursuant to this section can be
9 operated~~,~~; the circumstance under which escort vehicles shall be
10 required~~,~~; the distance that may be traveled upon the public
11 highways, which shall not be less than 50 miles; and ~~such~~ vehicle
12 equipment or other requirements or restrictions as may be necessary
13 to protect the safety of the users of the public highways.

14 Motor vehicles, not for hire, which are used exclusively as farm
15 tractors, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implements
16 which cannot be operated at a speed in excess of ~~20~~ 35 miles per
17 hour shall not be required to be registered under this section.

18 (d) A slow moving vehicle emblem shall be affixed, in the
19 manner prescribed by the chief administrator pursuant to section 3
20 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to
21 the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as a
22 farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm
23 implement, and any farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
24 machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor vehicle when
25 operated on the roadways of this State. A motor vehicle, not for
26 hire, used exclusively as a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
27 machinery, or farm implement or any farm tractor, traction
28 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor
29 vehicle shall not be operated on the roadways of this State unless a
30 slow moving vehicle emblem is displayed in the manner prescribed
31 by the chief administrator pursuant to section 3 of P.L. ,
32 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

33 (e) As used in this section, the term "sport utility vehicle"
34 means any vehicle that is designed to be used both on and off
35 roadways and is equipped with available all wheel drive and raised
36 ground clearance.

37 (cf: P.L.1996, c.119, s.1)

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39 2. R.S.39:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

40 39:3-25. In addition to the motor vehicle licenses authorized to
41 be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the chief
42 administrator shall issue, upon application therefor, a license plate
43 for trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, or similar vehicles marked
44 "farmer," which shall be issued upon evidence satisfactory to the
45 chief administrator that the applicant is a farmer and is actually
46 engaged in the growing, raising, and producing of farm products as
47 an occupation. License plates issued under authority of this section

1 shall be placed upon motor trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, or
2 similar vehicles engaged in the carrying or transportation of farm
3 products, and farm supplies, and not engaged in hauling for hire,
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5 operated under contract with a municipality to remove snow.

6 Applicants for license plates herein authorized shall pay a
7 registration fee of \$25 plus \$4.25 for each 1,000 pounds or portion
8 thereof in excess of 5,000 pounds. If the registration cycle
9 established by the chief administrator is for more or less than 11
10 months, applicants shall pay amounts proportionately less or greater
11 than the fees established by law.

12 Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration
13 for a farm truck, van, sport utility vehicle, or similar vehicle shall
14 expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day
15 of the **[eleventh]** 11th calendar month following the month in
16 which the certificate was issued; except that the chief administrator
17 may require registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates
18 thereof which shall become void, on a date fixed by the chief
19 administrator, which shall not be sooner than three months or later
20 than 26 months after the date of issuance of such certificates, and
21 the fees for **[such]** registrations, including any other fees or charges
22 collected in connection with the registration fee, shall be fixed by
23 the chief administrator in amounts proportionately less or greater
24 than the fees established by law. The chief administrator may fix
25 the expiration date for registration certificates at a date other than
26 11 months if the chief administrator determines that **[such]** a
27 change is necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in
28 implementing the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of
29 Title 39 or for other good cause.

30 The term "farmer" as used in this section means any person
31 engaged in the commercial raising, growing, and producing of farm
32 products on a farm not less than five acres in area; the term "farm
33 products" means any crop, livestock, or fur products; and the term
34 "farm supplies" means any farm-related supply or repair item.

35 As used in this section, the term "sport utility vehicle" means any
36 vehicle that is designed to be used both on and off roadways and is
37 equipped with available all wheel drive and raised ground
38 clearance.

39 (cf: P.L.2005, c.76, s.1)

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41 3. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New
42 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall design a slow moving
43 vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not
44 for hire, used exclusively as a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
45 machinery, or farm implement, and any farm tractor, traction
46 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor
47 vehicle. The chief administrator may charge a fee for the emblems
48 not to exceed the actual cost of producing and distributing the

1 emblems. The emblems shall be displayed in a manner prescribed
2 by the chief administrator and shall be visible to other motorists
3 when operated on the roadways of this State

4 b. The chief administrator shall adopt, pursuant to the
5 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
6 seq.), and within 180 days following the date of enactment of
7 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
8 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purpose of P.L. ,
9 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), including,
10 but not limited to, the standards and specifications for the design
11 and placement of the slow moving vehicle emblems.

12 c. The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of
13 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
14 Safety, shall establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote
15 roadway safety in rural areas of the State which shall include
16 educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving
17 vehicle emblems.

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19 4. (New section) The Department of Agriculture, in
20 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
21 Vehicle Commission, shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative
22 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), and within
23 180 days following the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C.)
24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), rules and regulations
25 defining the term "farm implement." The definition of "farm
26 implement" shall include, but is not limited to, tractors, hay
27 wagons, and farm machinery.

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29 5. (New section) a. The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in
30 the same direction as and approaching a slow moving vehicle shall,
31 prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the
32 motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. This provision
33 shall not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic
34 flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle.

35 b. For purpose of this section, "slow moving vehicle" means a
36 vehicle affixed with a slow moving vehicle emblem pursuant to
37 subsection (d) of R.S.39:3-24.

38 c. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
39 subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

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41 6. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New
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45 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
46 rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers
47 in this State. In adopting these rules and regulations, the chief
48 administrator shall consult with members of the commercial custom

1 applicator industry, the fertilizer industry, and the pesticide
2 industry.

3 b. For the purposes of this section, "self-propelled sprayer"
4 means any vehicle that is self-propelled and designed to apply
5 fertilizer, pesticide, or any other appropriate substance on farmland.

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7 7. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.6 (C.39:3-26.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Any self-propelled vehicle or vehicles which are used or
10 intended to be used solely upon the private property of one person,
11 and which would otherwise be required to be registered under this
12 title in order to operate upon a public highway, may be allowed,
13 subject to the provisions of this act, to cross a public highway for
14 the purpose of gaining access from one portion of **【such】** private
15 property to another, without the necessity of complying with the
16 registration requirements of this title, upon issuance of a crossing
17 permit by the **【director】** chief administrator and subject to
18 compliance with the terms and conditions of **【such】** the permit.

19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or prohibit
20 the registration of any self-propelled sprayer pursuant to the
21 provisions of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
22 Legislature as this bill).

23 (cf: P.L.1973, c.6, s.1)

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25 8. This act shall take effect on the January 1 following the date
26 of enactment. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
27 Vehicle Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director
28 of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of
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30 effective date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
31 this act.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect
37 current industry practices. The bill:

38 • expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer
39 license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;

40 • requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered
41 farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief
42 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
43 (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles;

44 • increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles
45 may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours
46 before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that
47 the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;

- 1 • increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order
- 2 for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles
- 3 per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- 4 • requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and
- 5 regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

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13 The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as
14 and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is
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16 speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The
17 provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes
18 of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle.
19 Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

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21 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
22 Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to
23 promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational
24 campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning
25 vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems

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27 a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3927

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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12 provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes
13 of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle.
14 Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

15 The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of
16 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
17 Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to
18 promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational
19 campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning
20 vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems

21 The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish
22 a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3927

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3927.

This bill updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;
- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles;
- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;
- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators are subject to a fine of between \$100 and \$500.

The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, is required to establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote

roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 3927
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 26, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices.
- Type of Impact:** Possible increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Motor Vehicle Commission; Division of Highway Traffic Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Local Revenue	Indeterminate – See comments below		
State Cost	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
State Revenue	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- Changes to the rules and regulations concerning the registration of farm tractors and traction equipment to travel upon the public highways is likely to result in an indeterminate amount of additional vehicles being registered and result in additional revenue.
- The slow moving vehicle emblem system to be implemented for farm equipment travelling on public highways is likely to be revenue neutral as the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will likely charge an amount for each emblem equal to the cost of implementing the emblem system.
- The newly created fine of \$100 to \$500 for failing to slow down before overtaking a slow moving vehicle is likely to generate an indeterminate amount of additional State and local revenue in farming areas of the State. This revenue may or may not offset the cost of the informational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State.



BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 3927 of 2014 updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;
- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles;
- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;
- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in an indeterminate amount of additional revenue for local governments and an indeterminate amount of revenues and costs for State government.

The bill will expand the number of farm vehicles eligible to be registered for highway use as slow moving vehicles and the periods of time in which they are eligible to do so. This expansion will likely result in additional vehicles being registered, and result in additional registration fees

for the MVC. It is not clear how many farm vehicles are currently located in the State which would be eligible for this registration but have not yet been registered, so it is not possible to determine the exact magnitude of the revenue increase.

The bill also establishes a vehicle emblem system for these slow moving vehicles. The vehicles registered shall also be required to purchase an emblem that they display on their vehicle to increase the visibility of these slow moving vehicles to other motorists. The bill permits the Chief Administrator to charge an amount for the emblems necessary to cover the cost of the program, so it is likely that additional costs for implementing this emblem system will be fully offset by additional revenues from the sale of these emblems.

Finally, the bill establishes a fine for vehicles that do not slow down before approaching and overtaking a slow moving vehicle, and an educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The cost of the educational campaign is expected to be approximately \$25,000 in the first year of the campaign. Most of this cost is related to the time that an employee of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety will need to spend designing the program. It is expected that a highway safety specialist or program specialist can perform this task, and that \$20,000, or 20 percent of a calendar year for a staff member with a combined salary and benefit compensation of \$100,000 should be sufficient to cover this task. An additional \$3,000 in the first year costs are expected to be incurred for various graphic arts services and other one time expenses needed to create the graphics and distribution items for the educational campaign. Finally, it is expected that there will be an annual cost of \$2,000 per year on a permanent basis to print and distribute literature, fliers, etc., which are distributed to the public as a part of the campaign.

These costs for the educational campaign are to be offset to some degree by revenue generated from the issuance of tickets to those who violate the traffic rule requiring drivers to slow down when approaching and overtaking a slow moving farm vehicle. The amount of revenue to be generated from these tickets is uncertain. Most of these slow moving vehicles are likely to be travelling in the more rural portions of the State where there will be less traffic as well as fewer officers on regular traffic patrol. Until the law is in effect and summons are actively issued, it is very difficult to estimate how many instances of motorists failing to slow down will result in citations.

It is unlikely that the number of these citations will be large enough in the first year to offset the first year costs of implementing the educational program; however, it is likely that the revenues will be greater in future years than the annual cost of maintaining the public education program. As a result, it is estimated that there will be an indeterminate net cost in the first year, followed by an indeterminate net revenue gain in future years. Additionally, when local officers issue slow moving vehicle related traffic citations, a portion of the fine is retained by the local government. Those citations will result in positive revenue for those municipalities.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation, and Communications

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*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3927

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3927.

As reported, this bill updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;
- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles;
- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;
- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators are subject to a fine of between \$100 and \$500.

The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, is required to establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote

roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

As reported, Assembly Bill No. 3927 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2820, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3927

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3927.

This bill makes various changes to current law concerning farm vehicles and farm equipment.

The bill updates certain agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;

- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;

- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles; and

- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. Under the bill, motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The bill requires the chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, to establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The bill requires the campaign to include components educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the chief administrator, to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement." Under the bill, the uniform definition of "farm implement" shall include, but is not limited to, tractors, hay wagons, and farm machinery.

The bill requires the driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. This provision of the bill does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators of this provision of the bill are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

The bill requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers in this State. The bill defines a “self-propelled sprayer” as any vehicle that is self-propelled and designed to apply fertilizer, pesticide, or any other appropriate substance on farmland.

The bill takes effect on the January 1 following the date of enactment, but permits the chief administrator, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety to take anticipatory administrative acts in advance of the bill’s effective date as may be necessary for the implementation of the bill.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2820, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in an indeterminate amount of additional revenue for local governments and an indeterminate amount of revenues and costs for the State.

The bill will expand the number of farm vehicles eligible to be registered for highway use as slow moving vehicles and the periods of time in which they are eligible to do so. This expansion will likely result in additional vehicles being registered, and result in additional registration fees collected by the commission. It is not clear how many farm vehicles are currently located in the State which are eligible for this registration but have not yet been registered, so it is not possible to determine the magnitude of the revenue increase.

The bill also establishes a vehicle emblem system for slow moving vehicles. The vehicles registered are also required to purchase an emblem that they display on their vehicle to increase the visibility of these slow moving vehicles to other motorists. The bill permits the Chief Administrator to charge an amount for the emblems necessary to cover the cost of the program, so it is likely that additional costs for implementing this emblem system will be fully offset by additional revenues from the sale of these emblems.

Finally, the bill establishes a fine for vehicles that do not slow down before approaching and overtaking a slow moving vehicle, and an educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The cost of the educational campaign is expected to be approximately \$25,000 in the first year of the campaign. Most of this cost is related to the time that an employee of the Division of Highway

Traffic Safety will need to spend designing the campaign. It is expected that a highway safety specialist or program specialist can perform this task, and that \$20,000, or 20 percent of a calendar year for a staff member with a combined salary and benefit compensation of \$100,000 is sufficient to cover this task. An additional \$3,000 in the first year costs are expected to be incurred for various services and other one-time expenses needed to create the graphics and distribution items for the campaign. It is also expected there will be an annual cost of \$2,000 per year on a permanent basis to print and distribute materials to the public as a part of the campaign.

These costs for the campaign are expected to be offset, in part, by revenue generated from the issuance of tickets to those who violate the traffic rule requiring drivers to slow down when approaching and overtaking a slow moving farm vehicle. The amount of revenue to be generated from these tickets is uncertain. Most of these slow moving vehicles are likely to be travelling in more rural portions of the State where there is less traffic and fewer officers on traffic patrol. Until the law is in effect and summonses are issued, it is difficult to estimate how many instances of motorists failing to slow down will result in citations.

It is unlikely that the number of these citations will be large enough in the first year to offset the first year costs of implementing the campaign; however, it is likely that the revenues will be greater in future years than the annual cost of maintaining the campaign. As a result, it is estimated there will be an indeterminate net cost in the first year, followed by an indeterminate net revenue gain in future years. Additionally, when local officers issue slow moving vehicle-related traffic citations, a portion of the fine is retained by the local government. Those citations will result in positive revenue for those municipalities issuing citations.

SENATE, No. 2820

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 12, 2015

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator STEVEN V. OROHO

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Bateman

SYNOPSIS

Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/12/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning farm vehicles and farm equipment, amending
2 various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing Title 39 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. R.S.39:3-24 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-24. (a) The **[director]** chief administrator shall register
10 farm tractors and traction equipment used for farm operation to
11 travel upon the public highways. The fee for **[such]** registration
12 shall be \$5 per annum, whether the registration is issued for the
13 yearly period or only a portion thereof. **[Such traction]** Traction
14 equipment or farm tractors may draw farm machinery and
15 implements while in transit from one farm to another without
16 additional registration therefor.

17 (b) The **[director]** chief administrator may register motor
18 vehicles, not for hire, used exclusively as farm machinery or farm
19 implements, to travel upon the public highways, from one farm, or
20 portion thereof, to another farm, or portion thereof, both owned or
21 managed by the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles. The fee
22 for **[such]** registration shall be \$5 per annum, whether the
23 registration is issued for a yearly period or only a portion thereof.
24 Any vehicle **[so]** registered and any truck, van, sport utility
25 vehicle, or similar vehicle registered pursuant to the provisions of
26 **[39:3-25 of this Title]** R.S.39:3-25 may draw not more than one
27 vehicle used exclusively on the farm and a vehicle so drawn need
28 not be registered. A vehicle registered pursuant to this section or
29 **[to]** R.S.39:3-25 may be used under contract with a municipality to
30 remove snow upon a public highway.

31 (c) No vehicle registered pursuant to this section shall be
32 operated on a public highway at any time from sunset to sunrise,
33 except a vehicle being operated under contract with a municipality
34 to remove snow or a vehicle equipped with proper safety lighting
35 during the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after
36 sunset. Every **[such]** vehicle registered pursuant to this section,
37 when operated on a public highway, shall have means adequate to
38 control the movement of **[and]** to stop, and to hold **[such]** the
39 vehicle on any up or down grade and shall be operated in
40 accordance with uniform rules and regulations prescribed by the
41 **[Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles]** chief administrator.
42 **[Such]** The rules and regulations shall specify the coverings that
43 may be used on the wheels of **[such]** vehicles **[,]** registered
44 pursuant to this section; the days, hours, and conditions under
45 which **[such]** vehicles registered pursuant to this section can be

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.

1 operated~~[,]~~; the circumstance under which escort vehicles shall be
2 required~~[,]~~; the distance that may be traveled upon the public
3 highways, which shall not be less than 50 miles; and ~~[such]~~ vehicle
4 equipment or other requirements or restrictions as may be necessary
5 to protect the safety of the users of the public highways.

6 Motor vehicles, not for hire, which are used exclusively as farm
7 tractors, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implements
8 which cannot be operated at a speed in excess of ~~[20]~~ 35 miles per
9 hour shall not be required to be registered under this section.

10 (d) A slow moving vehicle emblem shall be affixed, in the
11 manner prescribed by the chief administrator pursuant to section 3
12 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to
13 the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as a
14 farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm
15 implement, and any farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
16 machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor vehicle when
17 operated on the roadways of this State. A motor vehicle, not for
18 hire, used exclusively as a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
19 machinery, or farm implement or any farm tractor, traction
20 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor
21 vehicle shall not be operated on the roadways of this State unless a
22 slow moving vehicle emblem is displayed in the manner prescribed
23 by the chief administrator pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.)
24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

25 (e) As used in this section, the term "sport utility vehicle"
26 means any vehicle that is designed to be used both on and off
27 roadways and is equipped with available all wheel drive and raised
28 ground clearance.

29 (cf: P.L.1996, c.119, s.1)

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31 2. R.S.39:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

32 39:3-25. In addition to the motor vehicle licenses authorized to
33 be issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the chief
34 administrator shall issue, upon application therefor, a license plate
35 for trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, or similar vehicles marked
36 "farmer," which shall be issued upon evidence satisfactory to the
37 chief administrator that the applicant is a farmer and is actually
38 engaged in the growing, raising, and producing of farm products as
39 an occupation. License plates issued under authority of this section
40 shall be placed upon motor trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, or
41 similar vehicles engaged in the carrying or transportation of farm
42 products, and farm supplies, and not engaged in hauling for hire,
43 except for a truck, van, sport utility vehicle, or similar vehicle being
44 operated under contract with a municipality to remove snow.

45 Applicants for license plates herein authorized shall pay a
46 registration fee of \$25 plus \$4.25 for each 1,000 pounds or portion
47 thereof in excess of 5,000 pounds. If the registration cycle
48 established by the chief administrator is for more or less than 11

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1 months, applicants shall pay amounts proportionately less or greater
2 than the fees established by law.

3 Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration
4 for a farm truck, van, sport utility vehicle, or similar vehicle shall
5 expire and the certificate thereof shall become void on the last day
6 of the **[eleventh]** 11th calendar month following the month in
7 which the certificate was issued; except that the chief administrator
8 may require registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates
9 thereof which shall become void, on a date fixed by the chief
10 administrator, which shall not be sooner than three months or later
11 than 26 months after the date of issuance of such certificates, and
12 the fees for **[such]** registrations, including any other fees or charges
13 collected in connection with the registration fee, shall be fixed by
14 the chief administrator in amounts proportionately less or greater
15 than the fees established by law. The chief administrator may fix
16 the expiration date for registration certificates at a date other than
17 11 months if the chief administrator determines that **[such]** a
18 change is necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in
19 implementing the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of
20 Title 39 or for other good cause.

21 The term "farmer" as used in this section means any person
22 engaged in the commercial raising, growing, and producing of farm
23 products on a farm not less than five acres in area; the term "farm
24 products" means any crop, livestock, or fur products; and the term
25 "farm supplies" means any farm-related supply or repair item.

26 As used in this section, the term "sport utility vehicle" means any
27 vehicle that is designed to be used both on and off roadways and is
28 equipped with available all wheel drive and raised ground
29 clearance.

30 (cf: P.L.2005, c.76, s.1)

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32 3. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New
33 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall design a slow moving
34 vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not
35 for hire, used exclusively as a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm
36 machinery, or farm implement, and any farm tractor, traction
37 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement drawn by a motor
38 vehicle. The chief administrator may charge a fee for the emblems
39 not to exceed the actual cost of producing and distributing the
40 emblems. The emblems shall be displayed in a manner prescribed
41 by the chief administrator and shall be visible to other motorists
42 when operated on the roadways of this State

43 b. The chief administrator shall adopt, pursuant to the
44 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
45 seq.), and within 180 days following the date of enactment of
46 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
47 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purpose of P.L. ,
48 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), including,

1 but not limited to, the standards and specifications for the design
2 and placement of the slow moving vehicle emblems.

3 c. The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of
4 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
5 Safety, shall establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote
6 roadway safety in rural areas of the State which shall include
7 educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving
8 vehicle emblems.

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10 4. (New section) The Department of Agriculture, in
11 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
12 Vehicle Commission, shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative
13 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), and within
14 180 days following the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C.)
15 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), rules and regulations
16 defining the term "farm implement." The definition of "farm
17 implement" shall include, but is not limited to, tractors, hay
18 wagons, and farm machinery.

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20 5. (New section) a. The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in
21 the same direction as and approaching a slow moving vehicle shall,
22 prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the
23 motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. This provision
24 shall not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic
25 flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle.

26 b. For purpose of this section, "slow moving vehicle" means a
27 vehicle affixed with a slow moving vehicle emblem pursuant to
28 subsection (d) of R.S.39:3-24.

29 c. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
30 subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

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32 6. (New section) a. The Chief Administrator of the New
33 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt, pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
35 seq.), and within 180 days following the date of enactment of
36 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
37 rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers
38 in this State. In adopting these rules and regulations, the chief
39 administrator shall consult with members of the commercial custom
40 applicator industry, the fertilizer industry, and the pesticide
41 industry.

42 b. For the purposes of this section, "self-propelled sprayer"
43 means any vehicle that is self-propelled and designed to apply
44 fertilizer, pesticide, or any other appropriate substance on farmland.

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46 7. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.6 (C.39:3-26.1) is amended to read
47 as follows:

1 Any self-propelled vehicle or vehicles which are used or
2 intended to be used solely upon the private property of one person,
3 and which would otherwise be required to be registered under this
4 title in order to operate upon a public highway, may be allowed,
5 subject to the provisions of this act, to cross a public highway for
6 the purpose of gaining access from one portion of [such] private
7 property to another, without the necessity of complying with the
8 registration requirements of this title, upon issuance of a crossing
9 permit by the [director] chief administrator and subject to
10 compliance with the terms and conditions of [such] the permit.

11 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or prohibit
12 the registration of any self-propelled sprayer pursuant to the
13 provisions of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
14 Legislature as this bill).

15 (cf: P.L.1973, c.6, s.1)

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17 8. This act shall take effect on the January 1 following the date
18 of enactment. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
19 Vehicle Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director
20 of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of
21 Law and Public Safety shall take anticipatory acts in advance of the
22 effective date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
23 this act.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect
29 current industry practices. The bill:

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The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving
vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not
for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction

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1 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All motor vehicles
2 not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction
3 equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix
4 the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

5 The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as
6 and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is
7 required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the
8 speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The
9 provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes
10 of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle.
11 Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

12 The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of
13 Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public
14 Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to
15 promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational
16 campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning
17 vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems

18 The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish
19 a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2820

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2820.

As reported, this bill updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;
- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles;
- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;
- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

The chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to

promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational campaign will include educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement."

As reported, Senate Bill No. 2820 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3297, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2820

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2820.

This bill makes various changes to current law concerning farm vehicles and farm equipment.

The bill updates certain agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;

- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;

- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) at a distance of at least 50 miles; and

- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

The bill requires the chief administrator to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. Under the bill, motor vehicles not for hire used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement are required to affix the emblem to the rear of the vehicle.

The bill requires the chief administrator, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, to establish a Statewide educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The bill requires the campaign to include components educating people on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the chief administrator, to establish a uniform definition of the term "farm implement." Under the bill, the uniform definition of "farm implement" shall include, but is not limited to, tractors, hay wagons, and farm machinery.

The bill requires the driver of a motor vehicle traveling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. This provision of the bill does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators of this provision of the bill are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

The bill requires the chief administrator to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers in this State. The bill defines a “self-propelled sprayer” as any vehicle that is self-propelled and designed to apply fertilizer, pesticide, or any other appropriate substance on farmland.

The bill takes effect on the January 1 following the date of enactment, but permits the chief administrator, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety to take anticipatory administrative acts in advance of the bill’s effective date as may be necessary for the implementation of the bill.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3927, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in an indeterminate amount of additional revenue for local governments and an indeterminate amount of revenues and costs for the State.

The bill will expand the number of farm vehicles eligible to be registered for highway use as slow moving vehicles and the periods of time in which they are eligible to do so. This expansion will likely result in additional vehicles being registered, and result in additional registration fees collected by the commission. It is not clear how many farm vehicles are currently located in the State which are eligible for this registration but have not yet been registered, so it is not possible to determine the magnitude of the revenue increase.

The bill also establishes a vehicle emblem system for slow moving vehicles. The vehicles registered are also required to purchase an emblem that they display on their vehicle to increase the visibility of these slow moving vehicles to other motorists. The bill permits the Chief Administrator to charge an amount for the emblems necessary to cover the cost of the program, so it is likely that additional costs for implementing this emblem system will be fully offset by additional revenues from the sale of these emblems.

Finally, the bill establishes a fine for vehicles that do not slow down before approaching and overtaking a slow moving vehicle, and an educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The cost of the educational campaign is expected to be approximately \$25,000 in the first year of the campaign. Most of this

cost is related to the time that an employee of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety will need to spend designing the campaign. It is expected that a highway safety specialist or program specialist can perform this task, and that \$20,000, or 20 percent of a calendar year for a staff member with a combined salary and benefit compensation of \$100,000 is sufficient to cover this task. An additional \$3,000 in the first year costs are expected to be incurred for various services and other one-time expenses needed to create the graphics and distribution items for the campaign. It is also expected there will be an annual cost of \$2,000 per year on a permanent basis to print and distribute materials to the public as a part of the campaign.

These costs for the campaign are expected to be offset, in part, by revenue generated from the issuance of tickets to those who violate the traffic rule requiring drivers to slow down when approaching and overtaking a slow moving farm vehicle. The amount of revenue to be generated from these tickets is uncertain. Most of these slow moving vehicles are likely to be travelling in more rural portions of the State where there is less traffic and fewer officers on traffic patrol. Until the law is in effect and summonses are issued, it is difficult to estimate how many instances of motorists failing to slow down will result in citations.

It is unlikely that the number of these citations will be large enough in the first year to offset the first year costs of implementing the campaign; however, it is likely that the revenues will be greater in future years than the annual cost of maintaining the campaign. As a result, it is estimated there will be an indeterminate net cost in the first year, followed by an indeterminate net revenue gain in future years. Additionally, when local officers issue slow moving vehicle-related traffic citations, a portion of the fine is retained by the local government. Those citations will result in positive revenue for those municipalities issuing citations.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 2820
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 13, 2016

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices.
- Type of Impact:** Recurring increase in costs and revenue to the State, counties, and municipalities.
- Agencies Affected:** Motor Vehicle Commission; Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety; Municipalities and Counties.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below		
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below		
Local Cost Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below		
Local Revenue Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill will result in an indeterminate amount of additional annual revenue and costs for the State and local governments.
- The OLS finds that changes to the rules and regulations concerning the registration of farm tractors and traction equipment and their use on public highways are likely to result in an indeterminate number of additional farm vehicle registrations and indeterminate additional State revenue.
- The slow moving vehicle emblem system to be implemented for farm equipment travelling on public highways is likely to be revenue neutral as the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will likely charge an amount for each emblem equal to the indeterminate cost of implementing the emblem system.
- The newly created fine of \$100 to \$500 for failing to slow down before overtaking a slow moving vehicle is likely to generate an indeterminate amount of additional State, municipal,

and county revenue in rural areas of the State. This revenue may or may not offset the cost for the enforcement of the new traffic violation and the informational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State.

- The OLS expects the cost of the educational campaign to approximate \$25,000 in the first year of the campaign attributable to staff time, graphic design, and printing. There will be an estimated annual cost of approximately \$2,000 in subsequent years to print and distribute literature, fliers, etc., which are to be distributed to the public as a part of the campaign.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2820 of 2015 updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws. The bill:

- expands the types of vehicles that may qualify for farmer license plates to include vans and sport utility vehicles;
- requires the distance permitted to be traveled by a registered farm vehicle upon the public highways to be set by the MVC at a distance of at least 50 miles;
- increases the number of hours that registered farm vehicles may be operated on the roadways to include the three hours before sunrise and the three hours after sunset, provided that the vehicle is equipped with proper safety lighting;
- increases the threshold speed capacity of a vehicle in order for registration to be required for that vehicle from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and
- requires the MVC to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of self-propelled sprayers.

The bill also requires the MVC to design a slow moving vehicle emblem to be affixed to the rear of any motor vehicle, not for hire, used exclusively as or to draw a farm tractor, traction equipment, farm machinery, or farm implement. All such motor vehicles must have the emblem affixed to the rear.

The driver of a motor vehicle travelling in the same direction as and approaching a vehicle with a slow moving vehicle emblem is required to, prior to overtaking the slow moving vehicle, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to that of the slow moving vehicle. The provision does not apply in areas where there are two or more lanes of traffic flowing in the same direction as the slow moving vehicle. Violators are subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500.

The MVC, in consultation with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, is required to establish a statewide educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. The educational campaign is to include educating the public on the laws concerning vehicles with slow moving vehicle emblems.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive Branch has not submitted an official fiscal estimate on this bill. But upon request, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety has provided the OLS with an informal cost estimate for the establishment of the bill's public education program. Specifically, the division expected that a division highway safety specialist or program specialist could design the program in-house and that \$20,000, or 20 percent of a

calendar year for a staff member with a combined salary and benefit compensation of \$100,000, would be sufficient to cover this task.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that this bill will result in an indeterminate amount of additional annual revenue and costs for the State and local governments.

The bill expands the number of farm vehicles eligible to be registered for highway use as slow moving vehicles and the periods of time in which they may be operated. This expansion will likely result in additional vehicles being registered and additional registration fees for the MVC. It is not clear how many farm vehicles are currently located in the State which would be eligible for this registration but have not yet been registered, so it is not possible to determine the exact magnitude of the MVC fee revenue increase.

The bill also establishes a vehicle emblem system for these slow moving vehicles. Their owners must purchase an emblem that they must display on their vehicles to increase the visibility of these slow moving vehicles to other motorists. The bill permits the MVC to charge an amount for the emblems necessary to cover program costs, so it is likely that additional indeterminate costs for implementing this emblem system will be fully offset by additional indeterminate revenues from the sale of these emblems.

Moreover, the bill establishes an educational campaign to promote roadway safety in rural areas of the State. Based on informal information received from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, the OLS expects the cost of the educational campaign to approximate \$25,000 in the first year of the campaign. Some \$20,000 of this cost is related to the time that a division employee would need to spend designing the program, according to the informal division estimate. The OLS projects based on its research that the division would incur an additional \$3,000 in first-year costs for various graphic arts services and other one-time expenses needed to create the graphics and distribution items for the educational campaign. Finally, the OLS expects based on its research that the division would incur an annual cost of \$2,000 on a permanent basis to print and distribute literature, fliers, etc., which would be distributed to the public as a part of the campaign.

The State will also face certain costs in enforcing the new traffic violation due to the need to educate police about the new violation, their time spent enforcing the new law, and court time to process citations that are issued.

The State costs for the educational campaign and the enforcement of the new violation are to be offset to some degree by revenue generated from the issuance of tickets to those who violate the new traffic rule requiring drivers to slow down when approaching and overtaking a slow moving farm vehicle. The amount of revenue to be generated from these tickets is uncertain. Most of these slow moving vehicles are likely to be travelling in the more rural portions of the State where there will be less traffic as well as fewer officers on regular traffic patrol. Until the law is in effect and summonses are issued, the OLS cannot reliably estimate how many instances of motorists failing to slow down will result in citations. In general, fine collections from State-issued traffic citations accrue to the State.

It is unlikely that the number of State-issued citations will be large enough in the first year to offset the first-year costs of implementing the educational program and enforcing the new violation; however, revenues from State-issued citations may be greater in future years than the State's ongoing enforcement and public education program costs.

The bill will also increase annual local government administrative costs and revenue. The additional costs will be attributable to the enforcement of the new traffic violation, notably the

need to educate police about the new violation, their time spent enforcing the new law, and court time to process citations that are issued. The OLS anticipates that the additional local government revenue from additional municipality-issued citations will more than offset the municipal cost of enforcing the bill's traffic violation. In general, when municipal officers issue slow moving vehicle-related traffic citations, the municipality and the county in which the citation is issued share the resultant fine revenue collected.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

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

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

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Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferral for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **A-4323/S-2952 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Muoio, Benson/Beach, Whelan)** - Expands timeframe for renewal of driver's license, registration, and inspection by military personnel and immediate family members under certain circumstances.
- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis
- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased
- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees
- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services
- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD
- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions
- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof
- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"
- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications
- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm
- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation
- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments
- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment
- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsén, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Rible, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

- **A-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

- **A-3435wGR/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon)** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"

- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician

- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes

- **A-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail

- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"

- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency

- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers

- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State

- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses

- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"

- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth

- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process

- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services

- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Daniels, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects

- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them

- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttie)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs

- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttie)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed

- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program

- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes

- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements

- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate

- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto

- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances

- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits

- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns

- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property

- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttie)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

• **A-3981wGR/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan)** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

• **A-3984wGR/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

• **A-3985wGR/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

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