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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 411, *approved January 18, 2000*  
Senate, No. 2145 (Corrected Copy)

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2 c.305.

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18 utility facilities and which are left in a manner which does not interfere  
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**SENATE, No. 2145**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 1999

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ANDREW R. CIESLA**

**District 10 (Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S2145 CIESLA

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# SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2145

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1999

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2145.

This bill would make it unlawful for a person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any limited access highway without the consent of the State Department of Transportation or other entity having jurisdiction over the limited access highway. A vehicle which remains along any such highway for more than four hours or for any period without current license plates would be presumed to be an abandoned vehicle. Certain legally parked vehicles are excluded from the provisions of this bill, including vehicles parked in designated rest areas for not more than 12 hours and vehicles used in the construction, operation or maintenance of public utility facilities.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2112

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 208th LEGISLATURE

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INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ALEX DECROCE**

**District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman RICHARD A. MERKT**

**District 25 (Morris)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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A2112 DECROCE, MERKT

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# ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2112**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1998

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2112 with committee amendments.

This amended bill would make it unlawful for a person to abandon a motor vehicle on or along any limited access highway without the consent of the State Department of Transportation or other entity having jurisdiction over the limited access highway. A vehicle which remained along any such highway for more than four hours or for any period without current license plates would be presumed to be an abandoned vehicle. Certain legally parked vehicles are excluded from the provisions of this bill, including vehicles parked in designated rest areas for not more than 12 hours and vehicles used in the construction, operation or maintenance of public utility facilities.

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The committee amended the bill to include reference to other entities which may have jurisdiction over a limited access highway. The committee amendments also note that vehicles parked in designated rest areas for not more than 12 hours would be considered legally parked.