

39:3-71.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2002 **CHAPTER:** 131
NJSA: 39:3-71.1 (Backup monitoring device on delivery vehicles)
BILL NO: S377 (Substituted for A2940)

SPONSOR(S): Sacco and others

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Transportation

SENATE: Law and Public Safety

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** November 18, 2002

SENATE: March 7, 2002

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 24, 2002

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S377

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A2940

SPONSORS STATEMENT No

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 131, *approved December 24, 2002*

Senate, No. 377 (*First Reprint*)

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2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Every delivery van or truck registered in this State with a
8 cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to 18-feet long that is used in the
9 commercial delivery of goods and services shall be equipped with
10 ¹either an electronic rear backup monitoring device or¹ a rear
11 crossview mirror located at the top left rear corner of the cargo box.
12 The mirror shall be convex and located to reflect to the vehicle
13 operator an unobstructed, overall view of the lower six feet of the
14 entire rear width of the van or truck body.

15 b. The director may adopt regulations pursuant to the
16 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.)
17 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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19 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
20 after enactment, but the director may take such anticipatory
21 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
22 implementation of this act.

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27 Requires backup monitoring device or rear cross-view mirrors on
28 certain commercial delivery vehicles.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SLP committee amendments adopted February 25, 2002.

SENATE, No. 377

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2002 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Requires rear cross-view mirrors on certain commercial delivery vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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24 STATEMENT

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26 To reduce the number of fatalities and injuries attributable to
27 "backing accidents," this bill requires convex-shaped, rear cross view
28 mirrors on every commercial delivery van or truck registered in this
29 State if that vehicle is equipped with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box
30 up to 18-feet long. The mirror is to be installed at the top left rear
31 corner of the cargo box so that the operator of the van or truck has an
32 unobstructed view of the lower six feet of the entire rear width of the
33 van or truck body. The cost of a rear cross view mirror is
34 approximately \$50.

35 According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,
36 168 persons were killed and 12,000 injured nationwide in backing
37 accidents in 1994. The United States Department of Transportation
38 estimates that up to 130 of those killed each year in these accidents are
39 children. It appears that Federal Express has experienced a 36 percent
40 reduction in backing accidents since installing rear cross view mirrors
41 on its delivery vans.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 377

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2002

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 377 (1R).

This bill, as amended by the Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee, requires every delivery van or truck registered in this State with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to 18 feet long that is used in the commercial delivery of goods and services to be equipped with either an electronic rear backup monitoring device or a rear crossview mirror located at the top left rear corner of the cargo box. The mirror shall be convex and located to reflect to the vehicle operator an unobstructed, overall view of the lower six feet of the entire rear width of the van or truck body.

This amended bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2940 which was also reported by the committee today.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 377

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2002

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 377.

To reduce the number of fatalities and injuries attributable to "backing accidents," this bill requires either an electronic rear backup monitoring device or a convex-shaped, rear cross view mirror on every commercial delivery van or truck registered in this State if that vehicle is equipped with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to 18-feet long. The mirror is to be installed at the top left rear corner of the cargo box so that the operator of the van or truck has an unobstructed view of the lower six feet of the entire rear width of the van or truck body. The cost of a rear cross view mirror is approximately \$50.

The United States Department of Transportation estimates that up to 130 of those killed each year in backing accidents are children. It is the committee's understanding that Federal Express has experienced a 36 percent reduction in backing accidents since installing rear cross view mirrors on its delivery vans.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the vans or trucks subject to the bill may be equipped with an electronic rear backup monitoring device. As introduced, the bill required all vans or trucks subject to its provisions to be fitted with a rear cross view mirror.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2002 legislative session. As reported, the bill contains the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2940

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2002

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2940.

This bill requires every delivery van or truck registered in this State with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to 18 feet long that is used in the commercial delivery of goods and services to be equipped with either an electronic rear backup monitoring device or a rear crossview mirror located at the top left rear corner of the cargo box. The mirror shall be convex and located to reflect to the vehicle operator an unobstructed, overall view of the lower six feet of the entire rear width of the van or truck body.

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