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“New law to protect commuter van riders,” 1-25-07, The Star Ledger, p. 40

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 12, *approved January 24, 2007*
Assembly, No. 2977 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a commuter **['van safety]** transportation
2 services¹ public awareness campaign **['.,]** and¹ supplementing
3 Title 27 of 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. a. The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a
9 public awareness campaign to inform the general public about
10 **['safe]** legal¹ commuter **['van]** transportation¹ services and to
11 improve public awareness of safe, reliable, transportation
12 alternatives available to the residents of New Jersey. The
13 commissioner shall work in conjunction with the Transportation
14 Management Association Council of New Jersey as practical. The
15 campaign shall include, but not be limited to, the dissemination of
16 information relating to the provision of **['safe]** legal¹ commuter
17 **['van]** transportation¹ services, alternative transportation services
18 available throughout the State, the importance of public safety on
19 roads and highways, and resources for the general public to obtain
20 more information on commuter transportation¹ services.

21 b. The commissioner shall, at a minimum:

22 (1) provide for the development of printed educational materials
23 and public service announcements in English and Spanish; and

24 (2) prepare information for distribution to the public, through a
25 variety of entities, including, but not limited to, local transportation
26 management associations, places of business, libraries, community
27 centers, other community-based outreach programs and
28 organizations, and the Department of Transportation's official
29 website.

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31 2. The Commissioner of Transportation shall evaluate the
32 campaign established by this act and shall report to the Legislature
33 and the Governor within 18 months of the date the campaign
34 becomes operational as to the effectiveness of the campaign in
35 providing information relating to legal¹ commuter **['van safety]**
36 transportation services¹ and in improving safety on the roads and
37 public highways in this State, along with recommendations as to
38 whether the campaign should be continued, modified or expanded.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but sections 1 and 2

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted May 15, 2006.

1 shall be inoperative until the 90th day after enactment, except that
2 the Commissioner of Transportation may take such anticipatory
3 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
4 implementation of the act.

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9 Establishes commuter transportation services public awareness
10 campaign in DOT.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2977

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2006

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI

District 19 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Diegnan, Fisher, Johnson and Assemblywoman Stender

SYNOPSIS

Establishes commuter van safety public awareness campaign in DOT.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/16/2006)

1 AN ACT establishing a commuter van safety public awareness
2 campaign, supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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10 reliable, transportation alternatives available to the residents of New
11 Jersey. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the
12 Transportation Management Association Council of New Jersey as
13 practical. The campaign shall include, but not be limited to, the
14 dissemination of information relating to the provision of safe
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16 throughout the State, the importance of public safety on roads and
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35 along with recommendations as to whether the campaign should be
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42 implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill establishes a public awareness campaign in the
48 Department of Transportation.

1 Under the provisions of the bill, the commissioner shall establish
2 a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about
3 safe commuter van services and to improve public awareness of
4 safe, reliable, transportation alternatives available to the residents of
5 New Jersey. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the
6 Transportation Management Association Council of New Jersey as
7 practical. The campaign should include the dissemination of
8 information relating to the provision of safe commuter van services,
9 alternative transportation services available throughout the State,
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11 resources for the general public to obtain more information on
12 commuter services.

13 To carry out the public awareness campaign, the commissioner
14 would, at a minimum:

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22 website.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2977

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 2006

The Assembly Transportation and Public Works Committee reports favorably and with amendments Assembly Bill No. 2977.

As reported, this amended bill establishes a public awareness campaign in the Department of Transportation.

Under the provisions of the bill, the commissioner shall establish a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about legal commuter transportation services and to improve public awareness of safe, reliable, transportation alternatives available to the residents of New Jersey. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the Transportation Management Association Council of New Jersey as practical. The campaign should include the dissemination of information relating to the provision of legal commuter transportation services, alternative transportation services available throughout the State, the importance of public safety on roads and highways, and resources for the general public to obtain more information on commuter transportation services.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the term "commuter van services" to "legal commuter transportation services."

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2977

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2006

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2977(1R).

This bill establishes a public awareness campaign in the Department of Transportation.

Under the provisions of the bill, the commissioner shall establish a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about legal commuter transportation services and to improve public awareness of safe, reliable, transportation alternatives available to the residents of New Jersey. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the Transportation Management Association Council of New Jersey as practical. The campaign should include the dissemination of information relating to the provision of legal commuter transportation services, alternative transportation services available throughout the State, the importance of public safety on roads and highways, and resources for the general public to obtain more information on commuter transportation services.

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This bill is identical to S-1928, released by the committee on the same date.

SENATE, No. 1928

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2006

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Karcher

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1928

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2006

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1928.

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This bill is identical to A-2977(1R), released by the committee on the same date.