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Senate, No. 3616

1 AN ACT concerning weight limits for natural gas vehicles and  
2 amending P.L.1950, c.142.

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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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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1950, c.142 (C.39:3-84.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 a. The axle weight limitations as provided at **[R.S.39:3-84b.]**  
10 subsection b. of R.S.39:3-84 shall apply to all vehicles registered in  
11 New Jersey subsequent to March 1, 1950, which have not been  
12 registered therein or contracted for purchase by New Jersey  
13 residents prior to that date. The weight limitations provided **[at**  
14 **R.S.39:3-84b. (1); R.S.39:3-84 b. (2); and R.S.39:3-84 b. (3)]** in  
15 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection b. of R.S.39:3-84 relative  
16 to maximum gross axle weights shall not apply to vehicles  
17 registered as "constructor" or "solid waste" vehicles or to a  
18 combination of vehicles of which the "constructor" or "solid waste"  
19 vehicle is the drawing vehicle as provided **[at]** in R.S.39:3-20,  
20 except that **[said]** those limitations shall apply to vehicles  
21 registered as "solid waste" when operated on any highway which is  
22 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, as  
23 provided **[at]** in 23 U.S.C. **[s.103(e)]** s.103. Except as otherwise  
24 provided in this section, the provisions of **[R.S.39:3-84b. (5)]**  
25 paragraph 5 of subsection b. of R.S.39:3-84 shall apply to vehicles  
26 registered as "constructor" or "solid waste" or to a combination of  
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28 drawing vehicle as provided in R.S.39:3-20, except that for any  
29 vehicle registered as a "constructor" or any combination of vehicles  
30 of which the drawing vehicle is registered as a "constructor," the  
31 provisions of **[R.S.39:3-84b. (5)]** paragraph 5 of subsection b. of  
32 R.S.39:3-84 shall not apply; provided the vehicle or combination of  
33 vehicles is operated within an area that is 30 miles or less from the  
34 point established as a headquarters for the particular construction  
35 operation. Vehicles registered as "constructor" or "solid waste" or a  
36 combination of vehicles of which the "constructor" or "solid waste"  
37 vehicle is the drawing vehicle shall be limited to a maximum gross  
38 vehicle weight, including load or contents, as shown on the  
39 registration certificate of that vehicle.

40 b. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to adopt  
41 rules and regulations providing for exemptions from the provisions

**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 of **【R.S.39:3-84b. (5)】** paragraph 5 of subsection b. of R.S.39:3-84  
2 for the following:

3 (1) Vehicles registered as "solid waste" or combinations of  
4 vehicles of which the "solid waste" vehicle is the drawing vehicle as  
5 provided in R.S.39:3-20 **【.】** ; and

6 (2) Vehicles not in excess of 73,280 pounds.

7 The commissioner is also authorized to adopt rules and  
8 regulations providing for any time limits, distinctions among  
9 classes of vehicles, or other conditions with respect to these  
10 exemptions.

11 c. In addition to any exemptions provided for by regulations  
12 adopted pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the commissioner  
13 is authorized to adopt rules and regulations providing for  
14 exemptions for a transitional period from the provisions of  
15 **【R.S.39:3-84b. (5)】** paragraph 5 of subsection b. of R.S.39:3-84 for  
16 the following:

17 (1) Tandem-axle dump trucks;

18 (2) Five-axle dump trailers;

19 (3) Two-axle dump trucks;

20 (4) Tri-axle dump trucks;

21 (5) Four-axle dump trucks;

22 (6) Three-axle and four-axle ready-mix transit trucks;

23 (7) Four-axle and five-axle flatbed tractor trailers;

24 (8) Five-axle bulk carriers;

25 (9) Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle, and five-axle liquid bulk  
26 carriers;

27 (10) Two-axle and three-axle emergency equipment wreckers;

28 (11) Solid waste rear-end loaders;

29 (12) Solid waste front-end loaders;

30 (13) Solid waste four-axle roll-offs;

31 (14) Four-axle and five-axle waste transfer tractor trailers;

32 (15) Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle, and five-axle general  
33 freight carriers; and

34 (16) Intermodal ocean containers.

35 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of any State law, rule, or  
36 regulation to the contrary, but consistent with federal law, a vehicle,  
37 if operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas, may  
38 exceed any vehicle weight limit, up to a maximum gross vehicle  
39 weight of 82,000 pounds, under 23 U.S.C. s.127, R.S.39:3-84, or  
40 any other applicable law regarding vehicle weight limits, by an  
41 amount that is equal to the difference between the weight of the  
42 vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system  
43 carried by that vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank  
44 and fueling system.

45 (cf: P.L.1983, c.374, s.1)

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill provides an exception to the vehicle weight limits that apply to natural gas vehicles by allowing a natural gas vehicle to exceed a vehicle weight limit, up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds, by an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system. This exception makes State law consistent with recently enacted provisions of federal law concerning weight limits for natural gas vehicles.

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Provides exception to weight limits for natural gas vehicles consistent with federal law.

# SENATE, No. 3616

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 2017

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PAUL A. SARLO**

**District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY**

**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides exception to weight limits for natural gas vehicles consistent with federal law.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/9/2018)**

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39 registration certificate of that vehicle.

40 b. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to adopt  
41 rules and regulations providing for exemptions from the provisions  
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40 vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system  
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42 and fueling system.

43 (cf: P.L.1983, c.374, s.1)

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.





SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3616**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2017

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3616.

This bill provides an exception, consistent with federal law, to the vehicle weight limits for vehicles operated by engines fueled primarily by natural gas. The bill permits a natural gas vehicle to exceed a vehicle weight limit, up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds, by an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

This exception makes State law consistent with recently enacted provisions of federal law concerning weight limits for natural gas vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified for a Fiscal Note.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3931

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY**

**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides exception to weight limits for natural gas vehicles consistent with federal law.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/8/2017)

A3931 SINGLETON, HOLLEY

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43 (cf: P.L.1983, c.374, s.1)

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill provides an exception to the vehicle weight limits that  
4 apply to natural gas vehicles by allowing a natural gas vehicle to  
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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT  
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3931**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3931.

As reported, this bill provides an exception, consistent with federal law, to the vehicle weight limits for natural gas vehicles. The bill permits a natural gas vehicle to exceed a vehicle weight limit, up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds, by an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.