

39:4-81

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2004 **CHAPTER:** 92

NJSA: 39:4-81 (Intersections with non operational traffic control signals)

BILL NO: A627

SPONSOR(S): Stender and Impreveduto

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Transportation

SENATE: Transportation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** March 15, 2004

SENATE: May 20, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: July 9, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

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

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 92, *approved July 9, 2004*
Assembly, No. 627 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain traffic control devices and amending
2 R.S.39:4-81.

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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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8 39:4-81. a. The driver of every vehicle, the motorman of every
9 street car and every pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any
10 official traffic control device applicable thereto, placed in accordance
11 with the provisions of this chapter, unless otherwise directed by a
12 traffic or police officer.

13 b. When, by reason of a power failure or other malfunction, a
14 traffic control signal at an intersection is not illuminated, the driver of
15 a vehicle or street car shall, with respect to that intersection, observe
16 the requirement for a stop intersection, as provided in R.S.39:4-144
17 ¹[and R.S.39:4-145]¹.

18 (cf: P.L.1951, c.23, s.40)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 Provides that intersections with non-operational traffic control signals
26 are to be treated as stop intersections under certain circumstances.

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 Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted March 4, 2004.

ASSEMBLY, No. 627

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA STENDER

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

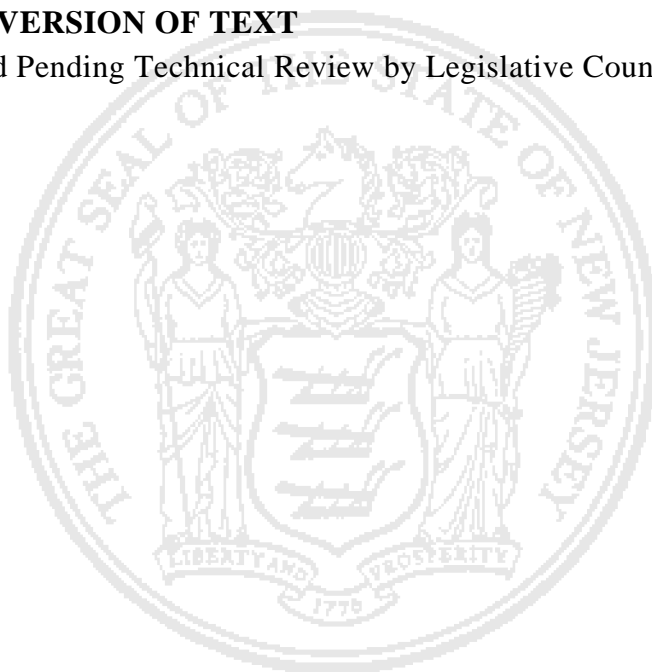
Assemblymen Johnson, Gusciora, Burzichelli, Green, Wisniewski and Blee

SYNOPSIS

Provides that intersections with non-operational traffic control signals are to be treated as stop intersections under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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STATEMENT

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25 This bill codifies an existing driving safety practice in New Jersey
26 that occurs at an intersection when a traffic light is present but not
27 illuminated whether by reason of a power failure or other malfunction.
28 Specifically, the bill provides that in this situation, the driver of a
29 vehicle shall not proceed through the intersection without first coming
30 to a full stop at a point within five feet of the nearest crosswalk or
31 stop line, but may proceed into or across the intersecting street
32 without again coming to a full stop in a situation where one or more
33 vehicles are following directly in line with a vehicle first nearest the
34 intersection having first come to a full stop.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 627

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 2004

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably and with amendments Assembly Bill No. 627.

This amended bill codifies an existing driving safety practice in New Jersey that occurs at an intersection which has a traffic control signal that is not functioning properly. Specifically, the bill provides that in this situation, the driver of a vehicle shall not proceed through the intersection without first coming to a complete stop at a point within five feet of the nearest crosswalk or stop line.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2004-2005 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendment by the committee removed the reference to R.S.39:4-145 which permits a driver entering a stop intersection to proceed across the intersection without coming to a complete stop if the driver's vehicle is directly in line with a vehicle that did come to a complete stop.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 627

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2004

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 627 (1R).

This bill provides that when a traffic control signal at an intersection is not illuminated, a driver shall observe the requirement for a stop sign as provided in R.S.39:4-144 by coming to a complete stop at a point within five feet of the nearest crosswalk or stop line before proceeding through the intersection.