

39:4-34

May 5, 1971

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S. 39:4-34  
(Prohibits a pedestrian to cross any highway having roadways  
separated by a medial barrier)

No similar bills introduced 1969-1970.

L. 1970, Chapter 156 - S570  
Introduced February 16 by Crabiel, Lynch, Tanzman,  
Ridolfi and others.  
No atatement.  
Amended in Assembly (copy enclosed).

*No hearings or reports discovered.*

No clippings located at: V.F. - N.J. - Traffic laws and  
Regulations (1970).

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 1970

By Senators CRABIEL, LYNCH, TANZMAN, RIDOLFI, COFFEE  
and STOUT

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT concerning traffic regulation and amending R. S. 39:4-34.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. R. S. 39:4-34 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:4-34. Where traffic is not controlled and directed either by a  
3 police officer or a traffic control signal, pedestrians shall cross the  
4 roadway within a crosswalk or, in the absence of a crosswalk, and  
5 where not otherwise prohibited, at right angles to the roadway,  
6 and when crossing at a point other than at a crosswalk shall yield  
7 the right of way to all vehicles on the roadway. *It shall be unlawful*  
8 *for a pedestrian to cross any highway having roadways separated*  
9 *by a medial barrier\*, except where provision is made for pedestrian*  
10 *crossing.\* On all highways where there are no sidewalks or paths*  
11 *provided for pedestrian use, pedestrians shall, when practicable,*  
12 *walk only on the extreme left side of the roadway or its shoulder*  
13 *facing approaching traffic.*

14 Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedes-  
15 trian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

S-570

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 7/24/70

Governor William T. Cahill today signed into law bills which establish the causes and methods for removing a judge from office; provides for control of junkyards on interstate and federal-aid primary highway systems; and prohibits pedestrians crossings on highways separated by barriers.

The three new laws were among 15 other bills signed by the Governor.

Cahill explained that under bill S-166, introduced by Sen. Frank X. McDermott (R., Union) a judge may be removed from the bench for misconduct, willful neglect of duty, incompetence or other evidence which shows he is unfit for judicial office.

Action for removal of a judge can be instituted by either house of the Legislature the Governor or the Supreme Court. The case will then be heard by the Supreme Court or by a panel of three justices or judges designated by the Chief Justice.

Under the "Junkyard Control Act", (S-276) sponsored by Sen. J. Edward Crabiel (D., Middlesex) New Jersey will conform with the requirements of the federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. The new law will prevent any cut in federal highway funds for the State and qualify New Jersey for future federal aid.

The Governor said that another bill (S-570) sponsored by Sen. Crabiel is designed as a safety measure. The new law prohibits pedestrians from crossing highways with medial barriers, except at those places where crossings are clearly indicated.