

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:4-125 (U turns-- clarifies law)

CHAPTER 81

Laws Of: 1987

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Sponsor(s): Feldman

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Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

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Senate: October 20, 1986

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SENATE, No. 1818

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1986

By Senator FELDMAN

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

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6 the crest of a grade or at any place upon a highway *as defined in*  
7 *R. S. 39:1-1* where the view of such vehicle is obstructed within a  
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9 and no such vehicle shall be turned around so as to proceed in the  
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11 uously marked with signs stating "no U turn".

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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**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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

MOTOR VEHICLE — GENERAL

Amends the law on U-turns to clarify that the law applies to all highways not just highways maintained by the State.

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STATEMENT TO  
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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 12, 1987

The Assembly Law, Public Safety, Defense and Corrections Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1818.

Senate Bill No. 1818 clarifies that the law on U-turns applies not only to roads taken over and maintained by the State but to all highways. This clarification is accomplished by deleting the word "State" before the word "highway," in the last sentence of R. S. 39:4-125. The term "highway" is defined in R. S. 39:1-1 as the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

**SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE**

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DATED: JUNE 19, 1986

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