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SYNOPSIS

Increases fine for failure to keep right unless overtaking; establishes fund to pay for certain signage.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning penalties for certain traffic violations, creating
2 a fund for the acquisition of certain traffic signage, amending
3 R.S.39:4-88 and supplementing Title 52 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. R.S.39:4-88 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:4-88. When a roadway has been divided into clearly marked
10 lanes for traffic, drivers of vehicles shall obey the following
11 regulations:

12 a. A vehicle shall normally be driven in the lane nearest the
13 right-hand edge or curb of the roadway when that lane is available
14 for travel, except when overtaking another vehicle or in preparation
15 for a left turn.

16 b. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
17 within a single lane and shall not be moved from that lane until the
18 driver has first ascertained that the movement can be made with
19 safety.

20 c. Upon a highway which is divided into 3 lanes, a vehicle
21 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking or
22 passing another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or unless the
23 center lane is at the time allocated for traffic moving in the
24 direction the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice
25 of that allocation.

26 d. The State Highway Commissioner may by regulation or
27 local authorities may by resolution or ordinance with respect to
28 highways under their jurisdiction designate right-hand lanes for
29 slow moving traffic and inside lanes for traffic moving at the speed
30 designated for the district as provided under this chapter, and when
31 the lanes are signposted or marked to give notice of the designation
32 a vehicle may be driven in any lane allocated to traffic moving in
33 the direction in which it is proceeding, but when traveling within
34 the inside lanes the vehicle shall be driven at approximately the
35 speed authorized in such lanes and speed shall not be decreased
36 unnecessarily so as to block, hinder or retard traffic.

37 e. When such roadway had been divided in such a manner that
38 there are 3 or more lanes for traffic in any one direction, no truck
39 of 10,000 pounds registered gross weight or over shall be driven in
40 the farthest left-hand lane, except when and to the extent necessary
41 to prepare for a left turn, or when necessary to enter or leave such
42 roadway by entrance or exit to or from the left lane or when
43 reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.

44 f. The penalty for violation of this section shall be a fine of not
45 less than \$100 or more than \$300. The State Treasurer shall

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.

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1 annually deposit \$50 of each fine collected from the fines imposed
2 pursuant to this section into the fund established pursuant to section
3 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
4 bill).

5 (cf: P.L.1968, c.432, s.1)

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7 2. (New section) There is created within the New Jersey
8 Department of Treasury, a separate, non-lapsing fund. Of the total
9 collected for each violation of R.S.39:4-88, \$50 shall be deposited
10 in the fund. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, monies
11 in the fund shall be utilized exclusively to acquire, install, and
12 maintain highway signs that notify motorists entering New Jersey to
13 comply with the provisions of R.S.39:4-88.

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15 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill would increase the fines imposed for failure by a
21 motorist to keep right unless overtaking another vehicle. The bill
22 would increase the fine from between \$50 and \$200 to between
23 \$100 and \$300. The bill further provides that \$50 of each fine shall
24 be placed into a fund that would pay for the acquisition, installation,
25 and maintenance of signs that remind motorists when entering New
26 Jersey to keep to the right of the roadway except when overtaking.