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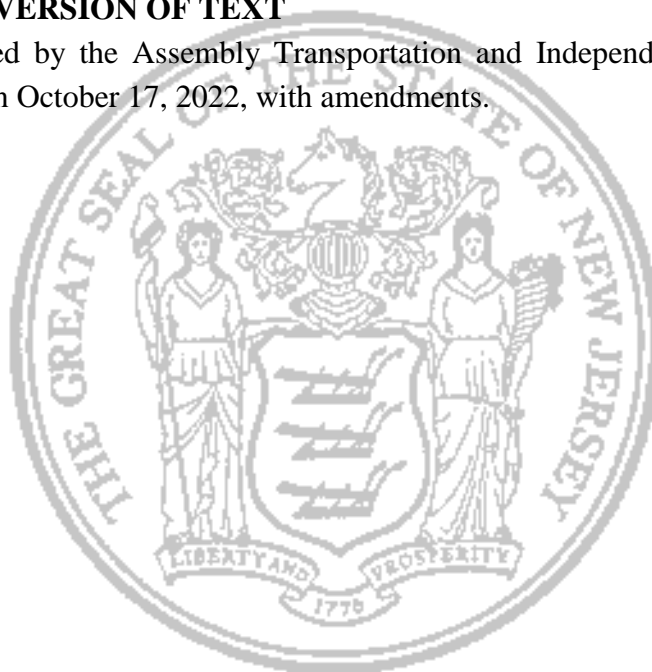
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Vision Zero Commission.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on October 17, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Vision Zero ¹**Task Force**”
 2 Commission”¹ and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised
 3 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. a. There is established in, but not of, the Department of
 9 Transportation, the “New Jersey Vision Zero ¹**Task Force**
 10 Commission”¹.

11 b. The ¹**task force** commission¹ shall consist of ¹**21** nine¹
 12 members, as follows:

13 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, ex officio, or the
 14 commissioner’s designee;

15 (2) the Superintendent of State Police, ex officio, or the
 16 superintendent’s designee;

17 (3) the Commissioner of Health, ex officio, or the
 18 commissioner’s designee;

19 (4) the Commissioner of Community Affairs, ex officio, or the
 20 commissioner’s designee;

21 (5) the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
 22 Commission, ex officio, or the chief administrator’s designee;

23 (6) the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice in the
 24 Department of Environmental Protection, ex officio, or the
 25 director’s designee;

26 (7) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
 27 Corporation, ex officio, or the executive director’s designee;

28 (8) the Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation
 29 Planning Authority, ex officio, or the executive director’s designee;
 30 ¹and¹

31 (9) the Executive Director of the South Jersey Transportation
 32 Planning Organization, ex officio, or the executive director’s
 33 designee¹;

34 (10) a New Jersey resident appointed by the Executive Director
 35 of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission;

36 (11) a representative of the Department of Transportation with
 37 expertise in bicycle and pedestrian programs, who shall be
 38 designated by the Commissioner of Transportation;

39 (12) two members of the Senate, one of whom shall be
 40 appointed by the Senate President and one of whom shall be
 41 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, which members
 42 shall not be of the same political party;

43 (13) two members of the General Assembly, one of whom 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted October 17, 2022.

1 be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and one of
2 whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the General
3 Assembly, which members shall not be of the same political party;
4 and

5 (14) six public members appointed by the Governor, of which
6 one or more of the following shall be represented: a group
7 representing vulnerable road users; a New Jersey resident that was
8 injured or lost a family member in a traffic crash; a community that
9 has been burdened by environmental justice issues; a person
10 representing people with mobility, visual, or cognitive impairments;
11 a New Jersey Transit Corporation bus rider; a person representing
12 people between the ages of 16 and 26 who is interested and active
13 in creating safer roadways for vulnerable road users; a person
14 representing people over the age of 65 who is interested and active
15 in creating safer roadways for vulnerable road users¹.

16 ¹[c. Each public member of the task force shall serve for a term
17 of three years, except that, of the members first appointed, two
18 members shall serve for an initial term of one year, two members
19 shall serve for an initial term of two years, and two members shall
20 serve for an initial term of three years. Each member shall serve for
21 the term of appointment until the member's successor is appointed.
22 A public member who has completed a term of membership may be
23 reappointed to the task force. Vacancies in the task force shall be
24 filled in the same manner as the original appointments were
25 made.]¹

26 ¹[d.] c.¹ The ¹[members of the task force shall be appointed
27 within 60 days after the effective date of this act, and the task
28 force] commission¹ shall hold its initial ¹[organizational]¹ meeting
29 as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days after the
30 ¹[appointment of a majority of its members] effective date of P.L.
31 , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)¹. The
32 chairperson of the ¹[task force] commission¹ shall be ¹[selected by
33 a majority of the membership of the task force] the Commissioner
34 of Transportation¹, and the ¹[task force] commission¹ shall meet
35 no less than twice per year at such places and times as the
36 chairperson may designate. The chairperson may appoint a
37 secretary who need not be a member of the ¹[task force]
38 commission¹.

39 ¹[e. Members of the task force shall serve without
40 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary
41 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, within the
42 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task
43 force for its purposes] d. The commission shall consult with policy
44 experts in the fields of bicycle and pedestrian safety, mobility,
45 visual or cognitive impairments, and motor vehicle accidents for
46 expertise and input¹.

1 ¹**[f.] e.**¹ The Department of Transportation shall provide
2 professional, stenographic, and clerical staff to the ¹**[task force]**
3 commission¹, as may be necessary for the ¹**[task force]**
4 commission¹ to carry out its duties. The ¹**[task force]** commission¹
5 shall also be entitled to call upon the services of any State, county,
6 or municipal department, board, commission, or agency, as may be
7 available to it for its purposes.

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9 2. a. For the purposes of this section:

10 “Active transportation” means mobility options powered
11 primarily by human energy, including pedestrian mobility, such as
12 walking and running; mobility assistive devices, such as
13 wheelchairs, bicycles, and cycles; and small personal devices, such
14 as skateboards and foot scooters, and that consider and address
15 accommodations pursuant to the “Americans with Disabilities Act
16 of 1990” (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.).

17 “Safe system approach” means evaluating traffic safety and
18 designing a transportation system with the goal of eliminating fatal
19 and serious injuries for all road users by acknowledging that: traffic
20 deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make
21 mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety is
22 proactive, and redundancy is crucial.

23 “Vision zero strategies” means actionable strategies using the
24 safe system approach and include, but are not limited to, prioritizing
25 roadway design, focusing on speed management, ensuring
26 enforcement is equitable, and utilizing impactful education
27 strategies.

28 b. The purpose and duties of the ¹**[task force]** commission¹
29 shall be to study, examine, and review all aspects of traffic safety
30 with a particular focus on access, equity, and mobility for all road
31 users using the safe system approach and to advise the Governor,
32 the Legislature, and the Department of Transportation regarding
33 policies, programs, research, and priorities to help achieve the goal
34 of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries. To fulfill this
35 purpose and these duties, the ¹**[task force]** commission¹ shall:

36 (1) develop a comprehensive and coordinated action plan to help
37 achieve the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries
38 on all public roadways in the State through engineering, education,
39 and enforcement systems that analyze physical transportation
40 designs with a focus on the equitable treatment of all transportation
41 users;

42 (2) identify short-term and long-term data-driven strategies with
43 measurable goals and target dates to reduce traffic fatalities and
44 serious injuries with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and
45 serious injuries by 2035;

46 (3) promote effective and transparent collection of traffic safety
47 data and dissemination of such data via a publicly accessible data

1 portal that includes, but is not limited to, the most dangerous
2 intersections in the State, traffic crash data with information on
3 non-fatal injuries and demographic data, and a high injury network
4 that indicates the roadways, in the State, with the highest injury
5 rates;

6 (4) encourage the elimination of road hazards by advancing
7 active transportation and mass transit as safe and viable forms of
8 transportation throughout the State for persons of all ages and
9 abilities;

10 (5) provide recommendations for changes to State, county, and
11 municipal law to achieve the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities
12 and serious injuries by 2035;

13 (6) develop an action plan to implement and promote the safe
14 system approach, vision zero strategies, and evidenced-based safety
15 countermeasures to help achieve the goal of eliminating traffic
16 fatalities and severe injuries among all road users;

17 (7) create and maintain an interactive Internet website to
18 provide information about the ¹**task force** commission¹,
19 including: the membership of the ¹**task force** commission¹; the
20 ¹**task force's** commission's¹ plans, progress reports, meeting
21 notices, agendas, and minutes; educational materials about vision
22 zero; a link to the safety portal required pursuant to paragraph (3) of
23 this subsection; and any other information the ¹**task force**
24 commission¹ deems necessary;

25 (8) serve as an advisor to the Department of Transportation and
26 other State agencies and transportation authorities with regard to
27 roadway planning and transportation infrastructure planning;

28 (9) provide advice and assistance to county and municipal
29 governments to develop their own vision zero plans;

30 ¹**(10)** review and provide feedback on an annual basis to the
31 Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority,
32 and the South Jersey Transportation Authority on their respective
33 capital plans before these entities provide testimony at their
34 respective public budget hearings before the Legislature. The
35 feedback shall be made publicly available on the website of the task
36 force before the entities provide such testimony; ¹ and

37 ¹**(11)** (10)¹ report annually to the Governor and, pursuant to
38 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on
39 the findings and activities of the ¹**task force** commission¹,
40 including the number of road traffic fatalities and serious injuries
41 and the review of the implementation of the action plans. The
42 ¹**task force** commission¹ shall submit the report before the third
43 Sunday in November of each year, which is World Day of
44 Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

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46 ¹3. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate such
47 rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure

1 Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to
2 effectuate the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
3 the Legislature as this bill).¹

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5 ¹**[3.]** 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.