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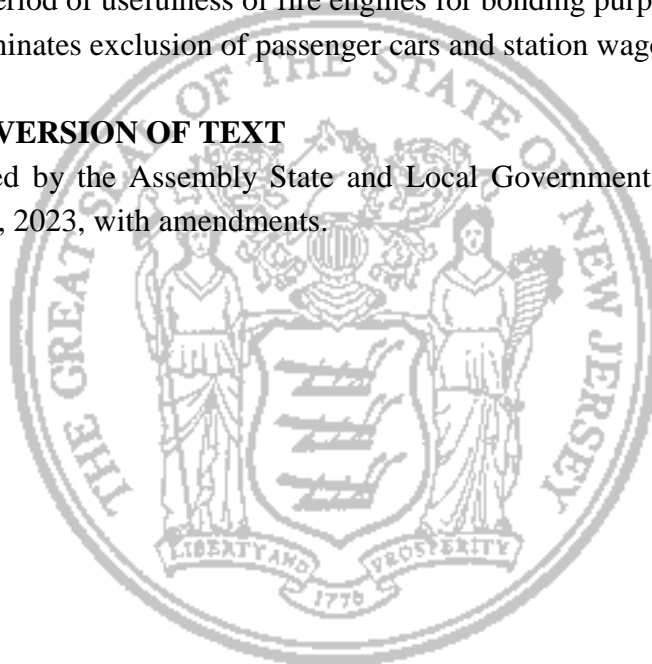
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**SYNOPSIS**

Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on December 18, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the issuance of bonds for fire engines and  
2 certain other vehicles and amending N.J.S.40A:2-22.

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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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7 1. N.J.S.40A:2-22 is amended to read as follows:

8 40A:2-22. The governing body of the local unit shall determine  
9 the period of usefulness of any purpose according to its reasonable  
10 life computed from the date of the bonds, which period shall not be  
11 greater than the following:

12 a. Buildings and structures.

13 1. Bridges, including retaining walls and approaches, or  
14 permanent structures of brick, stone, concrete or metal, or similar  
15 durable construction, 30 years.

16 2. Buildings, including the original furnishings and equipment  
17 therefor:

18 Class A: A building, of which all walls, floors, partitions, stairs  
19 and roof are wholly of incombustible material, except the window  
20 frames, doors, top flooring and wooden handrails on the stairs, 40  
21 years;

22 Class B: A building, the outer walls of which are wholly of  
23 incombustible material, except the window frames and doors, 30  
24 years;

25 Class C: A building which does not meet the requirements of  
26 Class A or Class B, 20 years.

27 3. Buildings or structures acquired substantially reconstructed  
28 or additions thereto, one-half the period fixed in this subsection for  
29 such buildings or structures.

30 4. Additional furnishings, five years.

31 b. Marine improvements.

32 1. Harbor improvements, docks or marine terminals, 40 years.

33 2. Dikes, bulkheads, jetties or similar devices of stone,  
34 concrete or metal, 15 years; of wood or partly of wood, 10 years.

35 c. Additional equipment and machinery.

36 1. Additional or replacement equipment and machinery, 15  
37 years.

38 2. Voting machines, 15 years.

39 3. Information technology and telecommunications equipment,  
40 <sup>1</sup>**[7]** seven<sup>1</sup> years, except that for items with a unit cost of less than  
41 \$5,000, <sup>1</sup>**[5]** five<sup>1</sup> years.

42 d. Real property.

43 1. Acquisition for any public purpose of lands or riparian  
44 rights, or both, and the original dredging, grading, draining or  
45 planting thereof, 40 years.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted December 18, 2023.

1       2. Improvement of airport, cemetery, golf course, park,  
2 playground, 15 years.

3       3. Stadia of concrete or other incombustible materials, 20  
4 years.

5       e. Streets or thoroughfares.

6       1. Elimination of grade crossings, 35 years.

7       2. Streets or roads:

8       Class A: Rigid pavement. A pavement of not less than eight  
9 inches of cement concrete or a six-inch cement concrete base with  
10 not less than three-inch bituminous concrete surface course, or  
11 equivalent wearing surface, 20 years.

12       Flexible pavement. A pavement not less than 10 inches in depth  
13 consisting of five-inch macadam base, three-inch modified  
14 penetration macadam and three-inch bituminous concrete surface  
15 course or other pavements of equivalent strength, in accordance  
16 with the findings of the American Association of State Highway  
17 Officials (AASHO) Road Test, 20 years.

18       Class B: Mixed surface-treated road. An eight-inch surface of  
19 gravel, stone or other selected material under partial control mixed  
20 with cement or lime and fly ash, six inches in compacted thickness  
21 with bituminous surface treatment and cover, 10 years.

22       Bituminous penetration road. A five-inch gravel or stone base  
23 course and a three-inch course bound with a bituminous or  
24 equivalent binder, 10 years.

25       Class C: Mixed bituminous road. An eight-inch surface of  
26 gravel, stone, or other selected material under partial control mixed  
27 with bituminous material one inch or more in compacted thickness,  
28 five years.

29       Penetration macadam road. A road of sand, gravel or water-  
30 bound macadam, or surfacing with penetration macadam, five years.

31       3. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters of stone, concrete or brick, 10  
32 years.

33       The period of usefulness in this subsection shall apply to  
34 construction and reconstruction of streets and thoroughfares.

35       f. Utilities and municipal systems.

36       1. Sewerage system, whether sanitary or storm water, water  
37 supply or distribution system, 40 years.

38       2. Electric light, power or gas systems, garbage, refuse or ashes  
39 incinerator or disposal plant, 25 years.

40       3. Communication and signal systems, 10 years.

41       4. Service connections to publicly-owned gas, water or  
42 sewerage systems from the service main in the street to the curb or  
43 property lines where not part of original installation, five years.

44       5. Service connections to publicly-owned water systems, from  
45 the distribution main onto privately-owned real property and into  
46 the privately-owned structure, for the purpose of replacing  
47 residential, commercial, and institutional lead service lines, 30  
48 years.

1 g. Vehicles and apparatus.

2 1. Fire engines, apparatus and equipment, when purchased  
3 new, but not fire equipment purchased separately, ~~10~~ 20 years.

4 2. Automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and  
5 equipment ~~[(other than passenger cars and station wagons)]~~, when  
6 purchased new, five years <sup>1</sup>for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight  
7 rating (GVWR) below 15,000 pounds, and 10 years for vehicles  
8 with a GVWR in excess of 15,000 pounds<sup>1</sup>.

9 3. Major repairs, reconditioning or overhaul of fire engines and  
10 apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles, <sup>1</sup>~~[and]~~<sup>1</sup> similar public  
11 safety vehicles ~~[(other than passenger cars and station wagons)]~~ <sup>1</sup>,  
12 public works vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 15,000 pounds,  
13 and heavy construction equipment with a weight in excess of  
14 10,000 pounds,<sup>1</sup> which may reasonably be expected to extend for at  
15 least five years the period of usefulness thereof, five years.

16 4. Alternative fuel automotive vehicles, including but not  
17 limited to, electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, hydrogen fuel  
18 cell vehicles, natural gas vehicles, and propane vehicles, when  
19 purchased new, five years.

20 h. The closure of a sanitary landfill facility utilized, owned or  
21 operated by a county or municipality, 15 years; provided that the  
22 closure has been approved by the Board of Public Utilities and the  
23 Department of Environmental Protection. For the purposes of this  
24 subsection "closure" means all activities associated with the design,  
25 purchase or construction of all measures required by the  
26 Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to law, in order  
27 to prevent, minimize or monitor pollution or health hazards  
28 resulting from sanitary landfill facilities subsequent to the  
29 termination of operations at any portion thereof, including, but not  
30 necessarily limited to, the costs of the placement of earthen or  
31 vegetative cover, and the installation of methane gas vents or  
32 monitors and leachate monitoring wells or collection systems at the  
33 site of any sanitary landfill facility.

34 i. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2007, c.62~~].~~)

35 j. The prefunding of a claims account for environmental  
36 liability claims by an environmental impairment liability insurance  
37 pool pursuant to P.L.1993, c.269 (C.40A:10-38.1 et al.), 20 years.

38 k. As used in this section:

39 "Alternative fuel automotive vehicle" means any passenger car,  
40 station wagon, or other motor vehicle that is not solely propelled by  
41 gasoline or diesel fuel.

42 "Electric vehicle" means any passenger car, station wagon, or  
43 other motor vehicle that is propelled solely by an electric motor or  
44 energy storage device.

45 <sup>1</sup>"Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value  
46 specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single or  
47 combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a combination

1 (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross  
2 combination weight rating" or "GCWR," is the GVWR of the power  
3 unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units.<sup>1</sup>

4 "Hydrogen fuel cell vehicle" means any passenger car, station  
5 wagon, or other motor vehicle that is propelled by power derived  
6 from one or more cells that convert chemical energy directly into  
7 electricity by combining oxygen with hydrogen fuel.

8 "Plug-in hybrid vehicle" means any passenger car, station  
9 wagon, or other motor vehicle that can be charged from a source of  
10 electricity external to the vehicle through an electric plug, but  
11 which is not solely powered by electricity.

12 (cf: P.L.2021, c.267, s.1)

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.