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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.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2024)
AN ACT concerning the issuance of bonds for fire engines and
certain other vehicles and amending N.J.S.40A:2-22.

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

1. N.J.S.40A:2-22 is amended to read as follows:
40A:2-22. The governing body of the local unit shall determine
the period of usefulness of any purpose according to its reasonable
life computed from the date of the bonds, which period shall not be
greater than the following:
      1. Bridges, including retaining walls and approaches, or
         permanent structures of brick, stone, concrete or metal, or similar
durable construction, 30 years.
      2. Buildings, including the original furnishings and equipment
         therefor:
         Class A: A building, of which all walls, floors, partitions, stairs
         and roof are wholly of incombustible material, except the window
         frames, doors, top flooring and wooden handrails on the stairs, 40
         years;
         Class B: A building, the outer walls of which are wholly of
         incombustible material, except the window frames and doors, 30
         years;
         Class C: A building which does not meet the requirements of
         Class A or Class B, 20 years.
      3. Buildings or structures acquired substantially reconstructed
         or additions thereto, one-half the period fixed in this subsection for
         such buildings or structures.
      4. Additional furnishings, five years.
   b. Marine improvements.
      1. Harbor improvements, docks or marine terminals, 40 years.
      2. Dikes, bulkheads, jetties or similar devices of stone,
         concrete or metal, 15 years; of wood or partly of wood, 10 years.
   c. Additional equipment and machinery.
      1. Additional or replacement equipment and machinery, 15
         years.
      2. Voting machines, 15 years.
   d. Real property.
      1. Acquisition for any public purpose of lands or riparian
         rights, or both, and the original dredging, grading, draining or
         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:
1Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted December 18, 2023.
2. Improvement of airport, cemetery, golf course, park, playground, 15 years.
3. Stadia of concrete or other incombustible materials, 20 years.
e. Streets or thoroughfares.
   1. Elimination of grade crossings, 35 years.
   2. Streets or roads:
      Class A: Rigid pavement. A pavement of not less than eight inches of cement concrete or a six-inch cement concrete base with not less than three-inch bituminous concrete surface course, or equivalent wearing surface, 20 years.
      Flexible pavement. A pavement not less than 10 inches in depth consisting of five-inch macadam base, three-inch modified penetration macadam and three-inch bituminous concrete surface course or other pavements of equivalent strength, in accordance with the findings of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) Road Test, 20 years.
      Class B: Mixed surface-treated road. An eight-inch surface of gravel, stone or other selected material under partial control mixed with cement or lime and fly ash, six inches in compacted thickness with bituminous surface treatment and cover, 10 years.
      Bituminous penetration road. A five-inch gravel or stone base course and a three-inch course bound with a bituminous or equivalent binder, 10 years.
      Class C: Mixed bituminous road. An eight-inch surface of gravel, stone, or other selected material under partial control mixed with bituminous material one inch or more in compacted thickness, five years.
      Penetration macadam road. A road of sand, gravel or water-bound macadam, or surfacing with penetration macadam, five years.
   3. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters of stone, concrete or brick, 10 years.
   The period of usefulness in this subsection shall apply to construction and reconstruction of streets and thoroughfares.
f. Utilities and municipal systems.
   1. Sewerage system, whether sanitary or storm water, water supply or distribution system, 40 years.
   2. Electric light, power or gas systems, garbage, refuse or ashes incinerator or disposal plant, 25 years.
   3. Communication and signal systems, 10 years.
   4. Service connections to publicly-owned gas, water or sewerage systems from the service main in the street to the curb or property lines where not part of original installation, five years.
   5. Service connections to publicly-owned water systems, from the distribution main onto privately-owned real property and into the privately-owned structure, for the purpose of replacing residential, commercial, and institutional lead service lines, 30 years.
g. Vehicles and apparatus.

1. Fire engines, apparatus and equipment, when purchased new, but not fire equipment purchased separately, [10] 20 years.

2. Automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment [(other than passenger cars and station wagons)], when purchased new, five years [for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) below 15,000 pounds, and 10 years for vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 15,000 pounds].

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

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

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

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

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

k. As used in this section:

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

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

1. "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single or combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a combination...
(articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating" or "GCWR," is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units.¹

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

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

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

2. This act shall take effect immediately.