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and Note to  
C.27:25-1,  
C.27:25-25,  
C.27:25-35 and  
C.34:16-51

P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 82, *approved October 4, 2024*  
Assembly, No. 2607 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning paratransit services <sup>1</sup>and amending various parts of  
2 the statutory law<sup>1</sup>.

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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 <sup>1</sup>Section 3 of P.L.2020, c.114 (C.27:25-37) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 3. For the purposes of P.L.2020, c.114 (C.27:25-35 et seq.):

10 "Community organization" means an organization that provides  
11 programs and services to persons with disabilities.

12 "Corporation" means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

13 "Corporation paratransit service" means the paratransit service  
14 that is managed, administered, or provided directly through the New  
15 Jersey Transit Corporation's operating budget, as a part of the  
16 Access Link program or any successor program to meet the  
17 requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (42  
18 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.), and does not include services directly  
19 provided by county transit agencies.

20 "County transit agency" means a transportation service organized  
21 under or in conjunction with a county government to provide trips  
22 to senior citizens and residents with disabilities under the "Senior  
23 Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act,"  
24 P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

25 "Department" means, unless another meaning clearly applies, the  
26 Department of Human Services.

27 "Paratransit provider" means any organization or entity that  
28 provides paratransit services, including State and local transit  
29 agencies, directly or through contract service, and community  
30 organizations that provide transportation trips, either directly or  
31 through a third party, funded by the Department of Human Services  
32 or the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services within the  
33 Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

**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>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 24, 2024.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations  
September 19, 2024.

1 "Paratransit service" means and includes any transportation  
2 service other than fixed route transportation service【, except that  
3 "paratransit service" does not include private or charter services  
4 provided by taxicabs, limousines, or transportation network  
5 companies】.

6 (cf: P.L.2020, c.114, s.3)】<sup>1</sup>

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8 <sup>1</sup>【2.Section 3 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-3) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 3. As used in 【this act】 P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.):

11 a. "Corporation" means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

12 b. "Motorbus regular route service" means and includes the  
13 operation of any motorbus or motorbuses on streets, public  
14 highways or other facilities, over a fixed route and between fixed  
15 termini on a regular schedule for the purpose of carrying passengers  
16 for hire or otherwise, in this State or between points in this State  
17 and points in other states.

18 c. "Capital equipment and facilities" means and includes, in  
19 connection with public transportation service, passenger stations,  
20 shelters and terminals, automobile parking facilities, ramps, track  
21 connections, signal systems, power systems, information and  
22 communication systems, roadbeds, transit lanes or rights of way,  
23 equipment storage and servicing facilities, bridges, grade crossings,  
24 rail cars, locomotives, ferries and ferry facilities, including capital  
25 projects for ferry terminals, approach roadways, pedestrian  
26 accommodations, parking, docks, ramps and other necessary land-  
27 side improvements, motorbus and other motor vehicles,  
28 maintenance and garage facilities, revenue handling equipment and  
29 any other equipment, facility or property useful for or related to the  
30 provision of public transportation service.

31 d. "Paratransit services" means and includes any transportation  
32 service【,】 other than motorbus regular route service 【and charter  
33 services, including, but not limited to, dial-a-ride, nonregular route,  
34 jitney or community minibus, and shared-ride services such as  
35 vanpools, limousines or taxicabs which are regularly available to  
36 the public. Paratransit services shall not include limousine or  
37 taxicab service reserved for the private and exclusive use of  
38 individual passengers】.

39 e. "Public transportation or public transportation service"  
40 means rail passenger service, motorbus regular route service,  
41 paratransit service, motorbus charter service, and ferry passenger  
42 service.

43 f. "Motorbus charter service" means and includes subscription,  
44 tour, other special motorbus services or school bus services or  
45 charter services as set forth in section 7 of P.L.1979, c.150  
46 (C.27:25-7).

1 g. "Rail passenger service" means and includes the operations  
2 of a railroad, subway, street, traction or electric railway for the  
3 purpose of carrying passengers in this State or between points in  
4 this State and points in other states.

5 h. "Ferry passenger service" means any service which involves  
6 the carriage of persons for compensation or hire by waterborne craft  
7 in this State or between points in this State and points in other  
8 states.

9 (cf: P.L.2005, c.91, s.1)】<sup>1</sup>

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11 <sup>1</sup>【3.Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-3) is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 3. As used in this act:

14 "Air passenger service" means any service which involves the  
15 carriage of persons for compensation or hire by aircraft.

16 "Atlantic City Expressway" means the expressway project known  
17 as the Atlantic City Expressway constructed by the New Jersey  
18 Expressway Authority pursuant to section 40 of P.L.1962, c.10  
19 (C.27:12C-40).

20 "Atlantic City International Airport" means the airport  
21 authorized by section 24 of this act.

22 "Atlantic County Transportation Authority" means the county  
23 transportation authority authorized pursuant to P.L.1980, c.44  
24 (C.40:35B-1 et seq.).

25 "Authority" means the South Jersey Transportation Authority  
26 created by section 4 of this act.

27 "Bond" means any bond or note issued by the authority pursuant  
28 to the provisions of this act or issued by or for an original authority  
29 or any predecessor authority thereof, as the case may be.

30 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation.

31 "Construction" or "construct" means the planning, designing,  
32 construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, repair,  
33 extension, enlargement, improvement and betterment of expressway  
34 projects and transportation projects, and includes the demolition,  
35 clearance and removal of buildings or structures on land acquired,  
36 held, leased or used for those projects.

37 "Cost" means all or any part of the expenses incurred in  
38 connection with the acquisition, construction and maintenance of  
39 any real property, lands, structures, real or personal property rights,  
40 rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and interests acquired or used  
41 for a project; any financing charges and reserves for the payment of  
42 principal and interest on bonds or notes; the expenses of  
43 engineering, appraisal, architectural, accounting, financial and legal  
44 services; and other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the  
45 acquisition, construction and maintenance of a project, the  
46 financing thereof and the placing of the project into operation.

47 "County" means a county in South Jersey.

48 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

1 "Economic development facility" means any area, place, building  
2 or other improvement or structure related to, connected with, or in  
3 the vicinity of, a transportation project which may serve the users of  
4 that project or assist in, enhance or stimulate its operation or  
5 development.

6 "Expressway project" means the acquisition, construction and  
7 maintenance of the Atlantic City Expressway as transferred to the  
8 authority pursuant to this act and of any express highway, super  
9 highway or motorway at the locations and between the termini as  
10 may hereafter be established by law and acquired or to be acquired  
11 or constructed or to be constructed under the provisions of this act  
12 by the authority, over which abutters have no easements or rights of  
13 light, air or direct access by reason of the fact that their properties  
14 abut thereon, and shall include but not be limited to all bridges,  
15 parking facilities, tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges,  
16 traffic circles, grade separations, entrance plazas, approaches, toll  
17 houses, service areas, stations and facilities, communications  
18 facilities, administration, storage and other buildings, and other  
19 structures related to the use of the express highway, superhighway  
20 or motorway, intersecting highways and bridges and feeder roads  
21 which the authority may deem necessary or desirable for the  
22 operation of the project, together with all property rights, easements  
23 and interests which may be acquired by the authority for the  
24 construction or the operation of the project, and includes any  
25 planning necessary for the execution of any expressway project.

26 "Feeder road" means any road which in the determination of the  
27 authority is necessary to create or facilitate access to a project and  
28 is not more than five miles in length from the point of its  
29 connection with the project.

30 "Land and improvements" means any area or lands, any interest,  
31 right or title in land, including but not limited to, any reversionary  
32 right, and any real or personal property, structure, facility, building  
33 or equipment.

34 "Marine passenger service" means any service which involves  
35 the carriage of persons for compensation or hire by waterborne  
36 craft.

37 "Motorbus charter service" means subscription, tour and other  
38 special motorbus services.

39 "Motorbus regular route service" means the operation of any  
40 motorbus or motorbuses on streets, public highways or other  
41 facilities, over a fixed route and between fixed termini on a regular  
42 schedule for the purpose of carrying passengers, for hire or  
43 otherwise, within South Jersey or between points within South  
44 Jersey and points without South Jersey.

45 "Municipality" means any city, borough, village, town or  
46 township in South Jersey but not a county or a school district.

47 "New Jersey Expressway Authority" means the authority created  
48 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.10 (C.27:12C-1 et seq.).

1 "Original authority" means the New Jersey Expressway  
2 Authority or the Atlantic County Transportation Authority.

3 "Paratransit service" means any transportation service [.] other  
4 than motorbus regular route service [and motorbus charter service,  
5 including but not limited to, dial-a-ride, non-regular route, jitney or  
6 community minibus, and shared-ride services such as vanpools,  
7 limousines or taxicabs which are regularly available to the public.  
8 Paratransit services shall not include limousine or taxicab service  
9 reserved for the private and exclusive use of individual passengers].

10 "Parking facility" means any area or place, garage, building, or  
11 other improvement or structure for the parking or storage of motor  
12 or other vehicles, including but not limited to all real property and  
13 personal property, driveways, roads and other structures or areas  
14 necessary or useful or convenient for access to a facility from a  
15 public street, road or highway, or from any transportation project;  
16 meters, mechanical equipment necessary or useful or convenient for  
17 or in connection with that parking or storage; and any structures,  
18 buildings, space or accommodations, whether constructed by an  
19 authority or by the lessee, to be leased for any business, commercial  
20 or other use, including the sale of gasoline or accessories for, or the  
21 repair or other servicing of automobiles and other motor vehicles,  
22 if, in the opinion of the authority, the inclusion, provision and  
23 leasing is necessary to assist in defraying the expenses of the  
24 authority and make possible the operation of the parking facility at  
25 reasonable rates, but the authority shall not itself engage in the sale  
26 of gasoline or accessories for, or in the repair or other servicing of  
27 automobiles or other motor vehicles except in emergency, nor in the  
28 sale of any service or commodity of trade or commerce.

29 "Project" means an expressway project or transportation project  
30 and the costs associated therewith.

31 "Public highway" means any public highway, road or street in  
32 South Jersey, including federal aid highways, whether maintained  
33 by the State or by a county, municipality or other governmental  
34 subdivision in South Jersey.

35 "Public transportation facility" means, in connection with public  
36 transportation service, passenger stations, shelters and terminals,  
37 automobile and bus parking facilities, ramps, track connections,  
38 signal systems, power systems, information and communication  
39 systems, roadbeds, transit lanes or rights-of-way, equipment storage  
40 and servicing facilities, bridges, grade crossings, rail cars,  
41 locomotives, motorbuses and other motor vehicles, maintenance and  
42 garage facilities, revenue handling equipment and any other  
43 equipment, facility or property useful or related to the provision of  
44 transportation service.

45 "Public transportation service" means rail passenger service,  
46 motorbus regular route service, paratransit service, motorbus  
47 charter service and marine passenger service.

1 "Rail passenger service" means the operation of railroad,  
2 subway, or light rail systems including fixed and automated  
3 guideway systems for the purpose of carrying passengers in South  
4 Jersey or between points within South Jersey and points without  
5 South Jersey.

6 "Real property" means lands within the State, above or below  
7 water, and improvements thereof or thereon, or any riparian or other  
8 rights or interests therein.

9 "South Jersey" means the area encompassing the counties of  
10 Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem.

11 "Transfer date" means, with respect to the New Jersey  
12 Expressway Authority, the date on which all bonds issued by the  
13 New Jersey Expressway Authority cease to be outstanding within  
14 the meaning of the resolutions pursuant to which those bonds were  
15 issued, as certified by the trustee or trustees thereunder and, with  
16 respect to the Atlantic County Transportation Authority, the date on  
17 which New Jersey Economic Development Authority first mortgage  
18 revenue bonds, series of 1980, dated July 1, 1980, (New York  
19 Parking Associates - Parking Authority of Atlantic City project)  
20 issued by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority cease  
21 to be outstanding within the meaning of the indenture pursuant to  
22 which those bonds were issued, as certified by the trustees  
23 thereunder or the date on which the South Jersey Transportation  
24 Authority certifies to the Atlantic County Transportation Authority  
25 for a predecessor authority to the Atlantic County Transportation  
26 Authority and the State Treasurer that it assumes all debts and  
27 obligations of the Atlantic County Transportation Authority.

28 "Transportation facility" means any area, place, building, or  
29 other structure designed to provide rail passenger service, motorbus  
30 regular route service, paratransit service, motorbus charter service,  
31 air passenger and air freight service, or marine passenger service, or  
32 any two or more of these services, to the public, and includes  
33 passenger stations, shelters and terminals, air passenger terminals,  
34 hangars, heliports, docking and launching facilities, parking  
35 facilities, ramps, track connections, signal systems, power systems,  
36 information and communication systems, roadbeds, transit lanes or  
37 rights-of-way, equipment storage and servicing facilities, bridges,  
38 grade crossings, rail cars, locomotives, motorbus and other motor  
39 vehicles, boats, ferries and other marine vehicles, aircraft,  
40 maintenance and garage facilities, revenue handling equipment and  
41 any other equipment, facility or property useful for or related to the  
42 provision of these services;

43 "Transportation project" means the acquisition, construction, and  
44 maintenance of an airport, public transportation facility or other  
45 transportation facility, established by this act or which may be  
46 hereafter established by law and may include related facilities and  
47 activities which may consist of public transportation services,  
48 public transportation facilities, including but not limited to rail and

1 bus stations and terminals, noise abatement projects, parking  
2 facilities, public highways and feeder roads related to or connected  
3 with the project, and any economic development facilities as  
4 defined in this section. Transportation project includes any planning  
5 necessary to develop a comprehensive, efficient, convenient or  
6 economical transportation system in South Jersey, any planning or  
7 marketing necessary or desirable for the execution of any  
8 transportation project, and any planning, acquisition, construction  
9 or operation of economic development facilities related to,  
10 connected with, or in the vicinity of the project.

11 "Transportation system" means public highways, expressway  
12 projects, transportation projects, and all other methods of  
13 transportation for the movement of people and goods in South  
14 Jersey.

15 "Transportation Trust Fund Authority" means the New Jersey  
16 Transportation Trust Fund Authority established by section 4 of  
17 P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-4).  
18 (cf: P.L.1991, c.252, s.3)]<sup>1</sup>

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20 <sup>1</sup>1. a. As used in this section:

21 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

22 "Limousine" means a motor vehicle registered under the  
23 provisions of section 12 of P.L.1979, c.224 (C.39:3-19.5) or registered  
24 as a limousine under the laws of another state or the United States and  
25 used exclusively in the business of carrying passengers for hire to  
26 provide prearranged passenger transportation at a premium fare on a  
27 dedicated, nonscheduled, charter basis that is not conducted on a  
28 regular route and with a seating capacity in no event of more than 14  
29 passengers, not including the driver, provided, that such a motor  
30 vehicle shall not have a seating capacity in excess of four passengers,  
31 not including the driver, beyond the maximum passenger seating  
32 capacity of the vehicle, not including the driver, at the time of  
33 manufacture. "Limousine" shall not include any taxicab, hotel or  
34 airport shuttle or bus, or bus employed solely in transporting  
35 schoolchildren or teachers to and from school, or any vehicle owned  
36 and operated without charge or remuneration by a business entity for  
37 its own purposes.

38 "Medicaid program" or "Medicaid" means the State Medicaid  
39 program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

40 "Medicaid transportation service" means the non-emergency  
41 medical transport of a beneficiary of the Medicaid program, which  
42 service is provided through the use of a mobility assistance vehicle or  
43 livery vehicle, is necessary for the beneficiary to receive covered  
44 medical services, and is provided in compliance with Title XIX of the  
45 federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. s.1396 et seq.), P.L.1968, c.413  
46 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), P.L.1981, c.134 (C.30:4D-6.2 et seq.), and any  
47 rules or regulations adopted thereunder.

1 “Mobility assistance vehicle” means a chauffeured vehicle that is  
2 staffed by certified trained personnel, and which is used to transport a  
3 non-ambulatory Medicaid beneficiary who is sick, has an infirmity, or  
4 has a disability, and is under the care and supervision of a physician,  
5 and whose medical condition is not of sufficient magnitude or gravity  
6 to require transportation by ambulance, but is of sufficient magnitude  
7 or gravity to require transportation from place to place for medical  
8 care, and whose use of an alternate form of transportation might create  
9 a serious risk to the beneficiary’s life or health.

10 “Paratransit service” means and includes any transportation  
11 service, other than fixed route transportation service, that is provided  
12 by the New Jersey Transit Corporation, whether directly or indirectly  
13 through contract, to comply with the requirements of the federal  
14 “Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990” (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.),  
15 by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development pursuant to  
16 P.L.1987, c.455 (C.34:16-51 et seq.), and by counties under the  
17 “Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act,”  
18 P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.). “Paratransit service” shall  
19 include Medicaid transportation service<sup>2</sup>, as delivered through the  
20 Medicaid program’s non-emergency medical transportation broker and  
21 in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the  
22 Department of Human Services<sup>2</sup>.

23 “Taxicab” means an autocab or taxi as defined in R.S.48:16-1,  
24 excluding school buses as defined in R.S.39:1-1, omnibuses as defined  
25 in R.S.39:1-1, and limousines.

26 “Transportation network company” means a corporation,  
27 partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity that is registered as a  
28 business in the State or operates in this State, and uses a digital  
29 network to connect a transportation network company rider to a  
30 transportation network company driver to provide a prearranged ride.  
31 For the purposes of this definition, the terms “digital network,”  
32 “prearranged ride,” “transportation network company driver,” and  
33 “transportation network company rider” shall have the same meanings  
34 as provided in section 2 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-2).

35 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
36 <sup>2</sup>except any law, rule or regulation governing the Medicaid program’s  
37 non-emergency medical transportation approval process,<sup>2</sup> and to the  
38 extent permissible under federal law, for a period of two years  
39 following the effective date of this act, taxicabs, limousines, and  
40 transportation network companies shall be permitted to provide  
41 paratransit service within the State.

42 c. Within 60 days of the termination of the two-year period in  
43 which the provision of paratransit services is permitted by taxicabs,  
44 limousines, and transportation network companies, each paratransit  
45 provider that provided paratransit service by means of a taxicab,  
46 limousine, or transportation network company shall prepare and  
47 submit a report to the department containing the following  
48 information:



1       (1) information on the number of paratransit service rides provided  
2 during the two-year period;

3       (2) information on any vehicle safety, labor, environmental, or any  
4 other applicable violations that occurred during the provision of  
5 paratransit services; and

6       (3) information pertaining to each motor vehicle accident that  
7 occurred during the provision of paratransit services and any related  
8 injuries or insurance claims that resulted from each motor vehicle  
9 accident.

10       d. Within 90 days of the termination of the two-year period in  
11 which the provision of paratransit services is permitted by taxicabs,  
12 limousines, and transportation network companies, the Department of  
13 Transportation, in consultation with the New Jersey Transit  
14 Corporation, the Department of Human Services, the Department of  
15 Labor and Workforce Development, and the Department of Health,  
16 shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor and, pursuant to  
17 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature  
18 concerning the efficacy of allowing taxicabs, limousines, and  
19 transportation network companies to provide paratransit services in the  
20 State. The report shall include, at a minimum:

21       (1) information on the number of contracts entered into with  
22 paratransit providers that are taxicabs, limousines, or transportation  
23 network companies during the two-year period;

24       (2) information concerning the advantages and disadvantages of  
25 permitting taxicabs, limousines, and transportation network companies  
26 to provide paratransit services;

27       (3) a summary of the information provided to the department by  
28 each paratransit service provider pursuant to subsection c. of this  
29 section; and

30       (4) a recommendation of whether the temporary provision of  
31 paratransit service by taxicabs, limousines, and transportation network  
32 companies should be made permanent.

33       The department shall publish the report on the department's  
34 Internet website following the submission of the report to the  
35 Governor and Legislature.<sup>1</sup>

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37       <sup>1</sup>**[4.] 2.** <sup>1</sup>This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>**[immediately]** on the first  
38 day of the fourth month next following the date of enactment, but the  
39 Commissioner of Transportation may take anticipatory administrative  
40 action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation  
41 of this act, and shall expire following the submission of the  
42 department's report to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to  
43 subsection d. of section 1 of this act<sup>1</sup>.

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47       Authorizes taxicabs, limousines, and transportation network  
48 companies to provide paratransit services for two-year period.