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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain providers of transportation services to develop and publish route schedules.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT requiring certain providers of transportation services to
2 develop and publish route schedules, amending R.S.48:8-2,
3 supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes and Title 32 of
4 the Revised Statutes, and amending and supplementing P.L.2013,
5 c.224.

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

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10 1. R.S.48:8-2 is amended to read as follows:

11 48:8-2. a. The owner or **[keeper]** operator of every ferry shall
12 erect and maintain, where the ferry is kept, a post with a table of the
13 rates and route schedule fixed by the board, printed, written or
14 painted in large capitals, annexed thereto. The post and table shall
15 be set up so that the table shall be visible to passengers entering the
16 boat used for the ferry.

17 In addition to posting at the passenger entrance of the ferry, the
18 owner or operator shall publish the table of rates and the route
19 schedule on the website of the owner or operator.

20 b. In the event that the table of rates or route schedule,
21 developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, is changed by
22 the owner or operator, the owner or operator shall update all
23 postings required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to reflect
24 the changes in the table of rates or route schedule within 30 days of
25 the changes taking effect.

26 c. For every day that the owner or **[keeper]** operator of any
27 ferry shall fail or refuse to maintain **[a post and table of rates in the**
28 manner aforesaid, he] the postings required pursuant to subsection
29 a. of this section, the owner or operator shall be liable to pay a
30 penalty of one dollar.

31 (cf: R.S.48:8-2)

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33 2. (New section) a. In addition to the powers and duties set
34 forth under section 5 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-5 et seq.), the
35 New Jersey Transit Corporation shall develop a route schedule for
36 each motorbus regular route service route, rail passenger service
37 route, and ferry passenger service route operated by the corporation.

38 b. The corporation shall publish the route schedule, developed
39 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, on the corporation's
40 website and at each transportation facility, station, stop, or stand
41 providing service to the motorbus regular route service route, rail
42 passenger service route, or ferry passenger service route.

43 c. In the event that the route schedule, developed pursuant to
44 subsection a. of this section, is changed by the corporation, the
45 corporation shall update its website to reflect the changes and post

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.

1 the new route schedule at each transportation facility, station, stop,
2 or stand providing service to the motorbus regular route passenger
3 service route, rail passenger service route, or ferry passenger
4 service route, within 30 days of the changes to the route schedule
5 taking effect.

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7 3. (New section) The Governor is authorized to enter into a
8 supplemental compact or agreement, on behalf of the State of New
9 Jersey, with the State of New York amending the compact of April
10 30, 1921, between the states of New York and New Jersey, as
11 amended and supplemented, creating the Port Authority of New
12 York and New Jersey as set forth in section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.)
13 (pending before the legislature as this bill).

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15 4. (New section) a. The Port Authority of New York and New
16 Jersey shall develop a route schedule for each commuter railroad
17 route operated by the port authority or by any subsidiary company
18 owned by the port authority.

19 b. The port authority shall publish the route schedule, developed
20 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, on the port authority's
21 website and at each transportation facility, station, stop, or stand
22 providing service to the commuter railroad route operated by the
23 port authority or by any subsidiary company of the port authority.

24 c. In the event that the route schedule, developed pursuant to
25 subsection a. of this section, is changed by the port authority, the
26 port authority shall update its website to reflect the changes and
27 post the new route schedule at each transportation facility, station,
28 stop, or stand providing service to the commuter railroad route,
29 within 30 days of the changes to the route schedule taking effect.

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31 5. (New section) The Governor is authorized to apply, on
32 behalf of the State of New Jersey, to the Congress of the United
33 States for its consent and approval to the amendments to this
34 compact or agreement provided in section 4 of
35 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
36 but in the absence of consent and approval, the Port Authority of
37 New York and New Jersey referred to in the supplemental compact
38 or agreement shall have all of the powers which the State of New
39 York and the State of New Jersey may confer upon it without the
40 consent and approval of Congress.

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42 6. (New section) The Governor is authorized to enter into a
43 supplemental compact or agreement, on behalf of the State of New
44 Jersey, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supplementing the
45 compact or agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
46 and the State of New Jersey entitled "Agreement Between the
47 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey
48 creating the Delaware River Joint Commission as a body corporate

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1 and politic and defining its powers and duties,” as set forth in
2 section 7 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
3 this bill).

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5 7. (New section) a. The Delaware River Port Authority shall
6 develop a route schedule for each Port Authority Transit
7 Corporation (PATCO) route operated by the authority or by any
8 subsidiary company owned by the authority.

9 b. The authority shall publish the route schedule, developed
10 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, on the port authority’s
11 website and at each transportation facility, station, stop, or stand
12 providing service to the PATCO route operated by the authority or
13 by any subsidiary company of the authority.

14 c. In the event that the route schedule, developed pursuant to
15 subsection a. of this section, is changed by the authority, the
16 authority shall update its website to reflect the changes and post the
17 new route schedule at each transportation facility, station, stop, or
18 stand providing service to the PATCO route, within 30 days of the
19 changes to the route schedule taking effect.

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21 8. (New section) The Governor is authorized to apply, on
22 behalf of the State of New Jersey, to the Congress of the United
23 States for its consent and approval to the amendments to this
24 compact or agreement provided in section 7 of
25 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
26 but in the absence of consent and approval, the Delaware River Port
27 Authority shall have all of the powers which the Commonwealth of
28 Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey may confer upon it
29 without the consent and approval of Congress.

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31 9. Section 4 of P.L.2013, c.224 (C.56:16-2) is amended to read
32 as follows:

33 4. For the purposes of sections 3 through 9 of P.L.2013, c.224
34 (C.56:16-1 et seq.) and section 10 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
35 before the Legislature as this bill):

36 "Autobus" means a privately-owned autobus operated over the
37 public highways in this State for the transportation of not more than
38 40 passengers for hire in intrastate or interstate business except that
39 "autobus" shall not include:

40 (1) a vehicle engaged in motorbus regular route service as
41 defined in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-3);

42 (2) a vehicle engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire
43 in the manner and form commonly called taxicab service unless that
44 service becomes or is held out to be regular service between stated
45 termini;

46 (3) a hotel bus used exclusively for the transportation of hotel
47 patrons to or from local railroad or other common carrier stations
48 including local airports;

- 1 (4) a bus operated for the transportation of enrolled children and
2 adults only when serving as chaperones to or from a school, school
3 connected activity, day camp, summer day camp, nursery school,
4 child care center, pre-school center, or other similar places of
5 education, including "School Vehicle Type I" and "School Vehicle
6 Type II" as defined in R.S.39:1-1;
- 7 (5) an autobus with a carrying capacity of not more than 13
8 passengers operated under municipal consent upon a route
9 established wholly within the limits of a single municipality or with
10 a carrying capacity of not more than 20 passengers operated under
11 municipal consent upon a route established wholly within the limits
12 of not more than four contiguous municipalities within any county
13 of the fifth or sixth class, which route in either case does not, in
14 whole or in part, parallel upon the same street the line of any street
15 railway or traction railway or any other autobus route;
- 16 (6) an autocab, limousine, or livery service as defined in
17 R.S.48:16-13 or section 2 of P.L.1997, c.356 (C.48:16-13.1), unless
18 that service becomes or is held out to be regular service between
19 stated termini;
- 20 (7) a vehicle used in a "ridesharing" arrangement, as defined by
21 the "New Jersey Ridesharing Act of 1981," P.L.1981, c.413
22 (C.27:26-1 et al.);
- 23 (8) a motor bus owned by, or operated under a contract with, the
24 New Jersey Transit Corporation;
- 25 (9) charter bus operations, as defined in R.S.48:4-1;
- 26 (10) a vehicle designed to transport eight or more, but fewer than
27 16, persons, including the driver, which is used exclusively for the
28 transportation of persons between an off-airport parking facility and
29 an airport;
- 30 (11) a special paratransit vehicle, as defined in R.S.48:4-1 ; or
- 31 (12) a vehicle that is owned or leased by a "boarding or nursing
32 home," as defined by section 2 of P.L.1977, c.238 (C.26:2H-37), by
33 an "assisted living facility," as defined by section 1 of P.L.2009,
34 c.61 (C.26:2H-12.56), by an adult day health care facility or
35 pediatric day health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
36 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), or by any facility or other entity licensed
37 or approved by the Department of Human Services or the
38 Department of Health to render services to New Jersey residents,
39 and which is used to transport eight or more, but fewer than 16
40 persons, including the driver, to and from recreational and social
41 activities, shopping, and other health care providers; provided that
42 no charge is assessed each time a patient, resident, or client utilizes
43 the transportation service.
- 44 "Bill of Rights for Customers of Certain Autobuses" means the
45 consumer protections, obligations of the owners and operators of
46 autobuses, and basic expectations and guarantees of health, safety,
47 and welfare established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2013, c.224
48 (C.56:16-4).

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1 "For hire" means for direct or indirect hire, any service for which
2 the driver of the vehicle is compensated, or which is included in the
3 duties of the person who renders services for compensation, but
4 shall not include transportation services that are provided to patients
5 or residents of a "boarding or nursing home," as defined by section
6 2 of P.L.1977, c.238 (C.26:2H-37), an "assisted living facility," as
7 defined by section 1 of P.L.2009, c.61 (C.26:2H-12.56), an adult
8 day health care facility or pediatric day health care facility licensed
9 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), or to patients,
10 residents, or clients of any facility or other entity that is licensed or
11 approved by the Department of Human Services or the Department
12 of Health to render services to New Jersey residents, unless a
13 charge is assessed each time a patient, resident, or client utilizes the
14 transportation services.

15 "Operator" means a person who is in actual physical control of
16 an autobus.

17 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of an autobus,
18 or if an autobus is the subject of an agreement for the conditional
19 sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of
20 the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right
21 of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or if a
22 mortgagor of an autobus is entitled to possession, then the
23 conditional vendee, lessee or mortgagor shall be considered the
24 owner.

25 (cf: P.L.2015, c.31, s.1)

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27 10. (New section) a. The owner of an autobus shall develop a
28 route schedule for each autobus providing fixed route service
29 provided by the owner or operator.

30 b. The owner or operator shall publish the route schedule,
31 developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, on the website
32 of the owner or operator and at each transportation facility, station,
33 stop, or stand where the autobus provides fixed route service.

34 c. In the event that the route schedule, developed pursuant to
35 subsection a. of this section, is changed by the owner or operator,
36 the owner or operator shall update the owner or operator's website
37 to reflect the changes and post the new route schedule at each
38 transportation facility, station, stop, or stand where the autobus
39 provides fixed route service, within 30 days of the changes to the
40 route schedule taking effect.

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42 11. a. Sections 1 through 2 and sections 9 through 10 of this act
43 shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month following
44 enactment.

45 b. Sections 3 through 5 of this act shall take effect upon the
46 enactment into law by the State of New York of legislation having
47 an identical effect as sections 3 through 5 of this act; but if the State

1 of New York shall already have enacted such legislation, sections 3
2 through 5 of this act shall take effect immediately.

3 c. Sections 6 through 8 of this act shall take effect upon the
4 enactment into law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of
5 legislation having an identical effect as sections 6 through 8 of this
6 act; but if the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall already have
7 enacted such legislation, sections 6 through 8 of this act shall take
8 effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill requires an owner or operator of certain autobuses to
14 develop a route schedule for each autobus providing fixed route
15 service and to publish the route schedule on the website of the
16 owner or operator and at each transportation facility, station, stop,
17 or stand where the autobus provides fixed route service. The term
18 “autobus” applies to, with certain limited exceptions, a privately-
19 owned autobus operated in intrastate or interstate business over the
20 public highways in this State for the transportation of not more than
21 40 passengers for hire.

22 The owner or operator of a ferry service is required to post a
23 route schedule, along with the table of rates, that is visible to
24 passengers entering the boat and on the website of the owner or
25 operator of the ferry.

26 The bill also requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation
27 (NJ Transit), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
28 (PANYNJ), and the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) to
29 develop and publish route schedules for each motorbus regular
30 route service route, rail passenger service route, ferry passenger
31 service route, commuter railroad route, or Port Authority Transit
32 Corporation (PATCO) route operated by the respective agency at
33 each transportation facility, station, stop, or stand providing service
34 to the route and on the agency’s website.

35 This bill requires an owner or operator of certain autobuses,
36 NJ Transit, the PANYNJ, and the DRPA to update their respective
37 websites with any changes to a route schedule and to post the
38 changes in the same manner as the original route schedules were
39 posted, within 30 days of the changes taking effect.