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SYNOPSIS

Concerns parking violations that obstruct NJT bus stop zones; establishes pilot program for parking violations that obstruct certain bicycle lanes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on October 5, 2026, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning certain parking violations and supplementing
 2 P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et al.).

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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. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ¹through C. ¹)
 8 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

9 “Access Link” means the paratransit service implemented by the
 10 corporation for purposes of complying with the “Americans with
 11 Disabilities Act of 1990,” Pub.L.101-336 (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et
 12 seq.).

13 “Bus obstruction monitoring system” means a camera
 14 enforcement system that includes onboard cameras that are
 15 designed to capture a recorded image of a motor vehicle during the
 16 commission of a covered violation.

17 “Bus obstruction monitoring system operator” means a
 18 representative of the corporation, including contractors, that
 19 operates a bus obstruction monitoring system.

20 “Bus stop zone” means any area designated by official signage or
 21 pavement markings as a bus stop for corporation motor vehicles.

22 ¹“Commission” means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
 23 Commission.¹

24 “Corporation” means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

25 “Covered violation” means stopping, standing, or parking in ²[:
 26 (1) a dedicated bus lane, unless authorized by the local jurisdiction
 27 in which the dedicated bus lane is located; (2)]² a bus stop zone,
 28 unless no transit bus is present and the motor vehicle is actively
 29 engaged in the loading or unloading of passengers ²[with hazard
 30 lights activated; or (3) a designated bicycle lane, unless permitted
 31 under law or in the event of an emergency]². A “covered violation”
 32 shall not include a motor vehicle moving violation.

33 ²“Dedicated bus lane” means a lane designated for use by a bus
 34 owned, operated, leased, or contracted for by the corporation to
 35 provide motorbus regular route service.

36 “Designated bicycle lane” means a clearly marked traffic lane for
 37 bicycles adjacent to a roadway that serves a motorbus regular
 38 route.]²

39 “Motor vehicle moving violation” means any violation of the
 40 motor vehicle laws of this State or any other jurisdiction for which
 41 motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief administrator
 42 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5) or any
 43 violation of the motor vehicle laws of any other jurisdiction for

**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:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted May 11, 2026.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted October 5, 2026.

1 which motor vehicle points would be assessed if that violation had
2 occurred in this State.

3 “Operator” means a person who is in actual physical control of a
4 motor vehicle.

5 “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a
6 lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of six months or more.

7 “Recorded image” means a digital ²video, photograph, or
8 extracted still² image ²that is² recorded by a bus obstruction
9 monitoring system ²and of sufficient quality and clarity to show
10 whether a motor vehicle’s hazard warning lights were activated at
11 the time the digital video, photograph, or extracted still image was
12 recorded².

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14 2. a. The New Jersey Transit Corporation ²[shall issue
15 citations for a covered violation resulting from recorded images.
16 ¹[A designated] An officer with the New Jersey Transit Police
17 Department, or an¹ employee of the corporation ¹[, or a contracted
18 law enforcement agency] that has been designated, trained, and
19 certified by the New Jersey Transit Police Department to review
20 citations for covered violations¹, shall review the recorded images
21 to determine whether a covered violation has occurred. The
22 corporation shall] may² install and operate bus obstruction
23 monitoring systems on buses owned or operated by the corporation
24 ²,² or operated under contract with the corporation ²,² to capture
25 recorded images of motor vehicles during the commission of a
26 covered violation and to issue ²warnings and² citations for covered
27 violations. The number of buses equipped with bus obstruction
28 monitoring systems, as well as the selection of routes and
29 deployment locations, shall be ²[determined by] at the discretion
30 of² the corporation based on ²[a cost-benefit analysis, anticipated
31 impact on motorbus regular route service efficiency, safety and
32 rider accessibility, predicted violation frequency, and overall
33 operational feasibility] public interest and the corporation’s
34 operational and safety needs².

35 b. A bus obstruction monitoring system may only be used if:

36 (1) operated by a bus obstruction monitoring system operator;
37 and

38 (2) a sign is affixed to the bus alerting drivers that the bus is
39 equipped with a bus obstruction monitoring system.

40 ²c. An officer with the New Jersey Transit Police Department,
41 or an employee, consultant, or contractor of the corporation who
42 has been designated, trained, and certified by the corporation to
43 review recorded images of covered violations, shall review recorded
44 images captured by a bus obstruction monitoring system to
45 determine whether a covered violation has occurred. If the
46 reviewing officer, employee, consultant, or contractor determines

1 that a covered violation has occurred, the corporation may issue a
2 citation to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle.²

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4 3. a. A bus obstruction monitoring system shall only retain
5 recorded images of motor vehicles that contain evidence of a
6 covered violation.

7 b. Recorded images from a bus obstruction monitoring system:

8 (1) may be retained for up to six months or 60 days after final
9 disposition of the citation, whichever is later, if the recorded images
10 contain evidence of a covered violation;

11 (2) shall be destroyed within ²~~15~~ ³⁰ days after the recorded
12 images were first captured if the recorded images do not contain
13 evidence of a covered violation;

14 (3) shall be stored on secure servers or encrypted digital storage
15 systems that meet or exceed the State's information security
16 standards as established by the New Jersey Office of Homeland
17 Security and Preparedness, or any successor entity; ²~~and~~²

18 (4) shall not be deemed a government record under P.L.1963,
19 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the
20 common law concerning access to government records, and shall
21 not be discoverable as a government record by any person, entity, or
22 governmental agency, except upon a subpoena issued by a grand
23 jury or a court order in a criminal matter, nor shall the ²~~record~~²
24 recorded² images be offered as evidence in any civil or
25 administrative proceeding not directly related to a covered violation
26 ²; and

27 (5) shall not be accessible by other systems and networks
28 outside of the bus obstruction monitoring system and network used
29 by the corporation, including, but not limited to, automatic license
30 plate reader systems and any networks associated with automatic
31 license plate reader systems. However, nothing in this paragraph
32 shall preclude the corporation from accessing recorded images for
33 use on the corporation's own secure systems and networks².

34 c. A bus obstruction monitoring system ²~~may~~ ^{shall}² not use
35 biometric identification techniques, including facial recognition
36 technology.

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38 4. a. (1) A bus obstruction monitoring system operator shall
39 complete training ²~~by the manufacturer of the bus obstruction~~
40 ~~monitoring system~~ ², established or approved by the New Jersey
41 Transit Corporation,² in the procedures for setting up, testing, and
42 operating the bus obstruction monitoring system.

43 (2) ²~~Upon completion of the training, the manufacturer shall~~
44 ~~issue a signed certificate to the bus obstruction monitoring system~~
45 ~~operator. The certificate shall be retained by the operator as well as~~
46 ~~the corporation, or its designated contractor, and shall be admissible~~
47 ~~as evidence in any administrative or judicial proceeding related to a~~

1 covered violation】 The corporation shall maintain records
2 demonstrating a bus obstruction monitoring system operator's
3 completion of the training required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this
4 subsection for the duration of a bus obstruction monitoring system
5 operator's service in operating a bus obstruction monitoring system
6 for the corporation and for one year thereafter².

7 b. A bus obstruction monitoring system operator shall perform
8 manufacturer-specified functionality tests of each system prior to
9 the start of daily service and at regular intervals throughout the day,
10 as required by the manufacturer. Each test shall confirm proper
11 operation of the camera, time and date stamp, location tracking, and
12 image capture functions.

13 c. For each day of operation, the bus obstruction monitoring
14 system operator shall complete and sign a test verification log. The
15 log shall:

16 (1) indicate the date and time of each test;

17 (2) confirm that the bus obstruction monitoring system passed
18 all required self-tests prior to capturing any recorded images;

19 (3) be retained by the corporation ²【or its designated contractor
20 and made available upon request for administrative review or legal
21 proceedings】 for one year after the log's creation or until the final
22 disposition of any related citation for a covered violation,
23 whichever is later²; and

24 (4) be admissible as evidence in any court ²or administrative²
25 proceeding related to a covered violation.

26
27 5. a. A citation issued by a bus obstruction monitoring system
28 for a covered violation may be contested on the ²following² grounds
29 ²【that】 , including, but not limited to²:

30 (1) the motor vehicle was a transit vehicle owned, operated,
31 leased, or contracted for by the corporation or by a local or county
32 transportation agency;

33 (2) the motor vehicle was a school bus ²and the owner or
34 operator provides documentation of the claim²;

35 (3) the motor vehicle was an authorized emergency vehicle
36 operating on official business or in the exercise of the driver's
37 profession, including in response to an emergency call or while
38 pursuing an actual or suspected violator of the law ², and the owner
39 or operator provides documentation of the claim²;

40 (4) the motor vehicle was owned or operated by a federal, state,
41 county, or local government agency and was engaged in official
42 duties at the time of the alleged covered violation ²and the owner or
43 operator provides documentation of the claim²;

44 (5) the motor vehicle was parked, stopped, or standing due to a
45 medical emergency or mechanical breakdown and the owner ²or

1 operator² provides ²[proof documenting] documentation of² the
2 claim;

3 (6) the motor vehicle was providing transportation related to the
4 provision of funeral services and the owner ²or operator² provides
5 ²[proof documenting] documentation of² the claim;

6 (7) the motor vehicle was reported stolen at the time of the
7 covered violation ²[, as documented by a police report] and the
8 owner or operator provides documentation of the claim²; ²[or]²

9 (8) a citation was previously issued by a local ¹law enforcement
10 agency or¹ parking authority for the same covered violation, the
11 fine associated with the covered violation has been paid, and the
12 owner or operator submits ²[proof] documentation² of payment to
13 the corporation ²;

14 (9) the appropriate jurisdiction authorized the owner or operator
15 of the motor vehicle to stop, stand, or park in the bus stop zone at
16 the time of the alleged covered violation;

17 (10) a test verification log was not completed and signed on the
18 day the recorded image was taken, or there were discrepancies in
19 the related test verification log;

20 (11) the recorded image does not accurately depict the make or
21 model of the motor vehicle or the license plate number or issuing
22 state associated with the owner or operator of the motor vehicle
23 involved in the alleged covered violation;

24 (12) the employee, consultant, contractor, or officer reviewing
25 the recorded images for covered violations for the corporation or
26 the bus obstruction monitoring system operator who completed and
27 signed the test verification log on the day a recorded image was
28 taken has not been designated, trained, and certified as required
29 pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
30 Legislature as this bill); or

31 (13) the corporation did not mail the citation for a covered
32 violation to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle within 30
33 calendar days of the date of the covered violation, as evidenced by
34 the postmark on the citation that was mailed to the owner or
35 operator².

36 b. An owner or operator shall have 30 calendar days from the
37 date of mailing of the citation to contest the alleged covered
38 violation ¹to the corporation pursuant to subsection a. of this
39 section¹. ²[A citation may be contested through the corporation's
40 Internet website, by mail, or by requesting a hearing in accordance
41 with procedures established by ¹rules and regulations adopted by¹
42 the corporation ¹in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure
43 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).] To contest a citation,
44 an owner or operator shall send written notice to the corporation, in
45 a form and manner prescribed by the corporation, that the owner or
46 operator is seeking to contest the citation, which notice shall also

1 state the owner's or operator's reason for contesting the citation and
2 include sufficient documentation that the owner's or operator's
3 reason for contesting the citation meets at least one of the criteria
4 outlined in subsection a. of this section.² After reviewing a
5 contested citation, the corporation shall ²[send a copy] notify the
6 owner or operator in writing² of its final decision ²[to the registered
7 owner contesting the citation with] on whether the citation is
8 dismissed or upheld. If the citation is upheld, the corporation shall
9 provide² instructions for the ²[registered]² owner's ²or operator's²
10 options to either pay the fine or appeal the corporation's decision.

11 c. ²[A registered] An² owner ²or operator² contesting a
12 citation pursuant to subsection a. of this section may appeal a final
13 decision issued by the corporation pursuant to subsection b. of this
14 section to the New Jersey Superior Court¹ ². On appeal, if the New
15 Jersey Superior Court finds in favor of the owner or operator, the
16 court may award, at its discretion, court costs and attorneys' fees.

17 d. Owners and operators shall be jointly liable for a citation
18 issued by a bus obstruction monitoring system for a covered
19 violation unless the owner can demonstrate to the corporation that
20 the motor vehicle was used without the owner's express or implied
21 consent. An owner who pays any fines, costs, or administrative
22 fees in connection with a citation may recover that sum from the
23 operator in a court of competent jurisdiction².

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25 6. a. Citations issued by the corporation for covered violations
26 captured by bus obstruction monitoring systems shall be sent by
27 mail to the owner ²or operator² of the motor vehicle within ²[15]
28 30² calendar days of the date of the covered violation.

29 b. If an owner or operator is found to be in violation of P.L. ,
30 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) by means
31 of a bus obstruction monitoring system, ²the corporation may either
32 issue a written warning or impose² a fine of \$45 ²[shall be
33 imposed]² for the ²[first]² offense. Subsequent violations within
34 any 12-month period from the date of the first offense shall increase
35 by \$45, with a maximum fine of up to \$135 ²per offense². If no
36 further violations occur within ¹[the] ¹a 12-month period, the fine
37 structure shall reset ²and the fines shall restart at \$45². For the
38 purposes of calculating subsequent fines, the number of covered
39 violations shall be associated with a motor vehicle's registration
40 number and shall not be associated with the identity of the operator.

41 c. If a motor vehicle leasing or rental business receives a
42 citation for a covered violation and submits to the corporation,
43 within 30 days of the date on which the citation was mailed, a copy
44 of the rental or lease agreement identifying the name and address of
45 the lessee or renter who had custody and control of the motor
46 vehicle at the time of the covered violation, and proof that the rental

1 period included the date and time of the covered violation, then
 2 upon receipt of such documentation, the corporation shall reissue
 3 the citation to the identified lessee or renter, and no fine shall be
 4 imposed on the leasing or rental business.

5 d. ¹If an owner or operator has failed to pay three or more fines
 6 issued pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the corporation may
 7 notify the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in ²[a form and
 8 manner prescribed by the commission] writing². Upon receiving
 9 such notice, the commission may suspend the ²[driver's license, or
 10 the]² registration of the motor vehicle ²[, of an owner or operator
 11 who has not paid or otherwise satisfied three or more fines]
 12 associated with the commission of the covered violations for which
 13 citations were² issued pursuant to subsection b. of this section ²and
 14 three or more fines were not paid or otherwise satisfied². However,
 15 after issuing such notice, if the fines are subsequently paid or if the
 16 case is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, the corporation shall
 17 promptly notify the commission of the subsequent payment,
 18 dismissal, or disposal.

19 e.¹ The corporation ²[may retain] shall use² any fines collected
 20 pursuant to this section to cover the administrative costs of
 21 administering the bus obstruction monitoring system program ² [. Any]
 22 and any² excess revenue from fines collected pursuant to this
 23 section shall be used to fund Access Link services.

24 ¹[e.] f.¹ The corporation shall not enter into any agreement
 25 for bus obstruction monitoring systems or bus obstruction
 26 monitoring system operator services that bases contractor
 27 compensation on the amount of revenue generated in monetary fines
 28 collected pursuant to this section.

29 ¹[f. Prior to issuing any citations or fines for covered violations
 30 pursuant to this section, the corporation shall issue only warning
 31 notices for a period of 60 days beginning on the date of
 32 implementation of active enforcement pursuant to P.L. ,
 33 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).] g.¹ The
 34 ¹corporation shall implement the bus obstruction monitoring system
 35 program as follows:

36 (1) ²[For] for² a period of 180 days beginning on the date of
 37 implementation of the bus obstruction monitoring system program,
 38 the¹ corporation shall ¹[issue] conduct¹ a public ¹[announcement]
 39 education and awareness campaign¹ regarding the corporation's
 40 implementation of the bus obstruction monitoring system ¹[and]
 41 program. The campaign shall include, but not be limited to, ²[bus
 42 exterior advertising,]² web-based and social media outreach ² [, and
 43 press events]². The corporation¹ shall ¹also¹ provide the public
 44 with information about the bus obstruction monitoring system
 45 program on the corporation's Internet website ¹[contemporaneous

1 with the warning notice period] commencing at the start of the
 2 implementation of the program; and

3 (2) ²~~["Prior"] prior~~² to issuing any citations or fines for covered
 4 violations pursuant to this section, the corporation shall issue only
 5 warning notices for a period of 90 days, which period shall begin
 6 ²~~["90 days after"] on~~² the date of implementation of the bus
 7 obstruction ²~~monitoring~~² system program¹. ²Additionally, the
 8 corporation shall only issue warning notices for a period of 45 days
 9 following the implementation of any new bus route that uses buses
 10 equipped with bus obstruction monitoring systems².

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 12 7. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall submit an annual
 13 report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
 14 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature regarding the corporation's
 15 implementation of bus obstruction monitoring systems. At a
 16 minimum, the report shall include ²~~["the"]~~²:

17 a. ²~~the~~² total number of citations issued under the program for
 18 that year, broken down by bus route and violation type;

19 b. ²~~the~~² amount of revenue generated from fine collections
 20 under the program for that year and the allocation of the revenue,
 21 broken down by bus route and violation type ¹~~[";"]~~¹ ²~~["and"]~~²

22 c. ²~~the~~² impact on bus service efficiency ²~~;~~² including, but not
 23 limited to, average travel speed, schedule adherence, reduction in
 24 delays and safety improvements at designated enforcement
 25 locations, illegal parking, and traffic congestion ²~~;~~²

26 d. the number of citations dismissed by the corporation or
 27 successfully contested on appeal, broken down by the reason for
 28 which the citation was dismissed or successfully contested, with
 29 particular attention to technical issues associated with the bus
 30 obstruction monitoring system equipment and associated networks;
 31 and

32 e. a written description of all system, technical, administrative
 33 process, and legal issues associated with the program for that year².

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 35 8. The New Jersey Transit Corporation may adopt and
 36 promulgate, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
 37 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as may
 38 be necessary for the implementation of P.L. , c. (C.)
 39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Such rules and
 40 regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, procedures for:

41 (1) administering the issuance of ²~~warnings and~~² citations and
 42 contesting citations;

43 (2) establishing and maintaining the bus obstruction monitoring
 44 systems and associated data security protocols;

45 (3) training of bus obstruction monitoring system operators;
 46 ²~~["and"]~~²;

1 (4) ²training and certification of the officers, employees,
2 consultants, or contractors who have been designated to review
3 covered violations for the corporation; and

4 (5) ² verifying claims for dismissal of citations.

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6 ²9. a. For the purposes of this section:

7 “Bus obstruction monitoring system” means a camera
8 enforcement system that includes onboard cameras that are
9 designed to capture a recorded image of a motor vehicle while
10 stopping, standing, or parking in a designated bicycle lane unless
11 otherwise permitted under law or in the event of an emergency.

12 “Corporation” means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

13 “Designated bicycle lane” means a clearly marked traffic lane for
14 bicycles adjacent to a roadway that serves a motorbus regular route
15 in a county of the first class having a population density of more
16 than 10,000 people per square mile according to the most recent
17 federal decennial census.

18 “Recorded image” means a digital video, photograph, or
19 extracted still image that is recorded by a bus obstruction
20 monitoring system and of sufficient quality and clarity to show
21 whether a motor vehicle’s hazard warning lights were activated at
22 the time the digital video, photograph, or extracted still image was
23 recorded.

24 b. Beginning on the date of implementation of the bus
25 obstruction monitoring system program pursuant to sections 1
26 through 8 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
27 as this bill), the corporation shall establish a two-year bus
28 obstruction monitoring system pilot program that shall be identical
29 to, and comply with all provisions of, sections 2 through 8 of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
31 However, instead of capturing recorded images of covered
32 violations, as defined in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
33 before the Legislature as this bill), the bus obstruction monitoring
34 systems operated under the pilot program shall only capture
35 recorded images of motor vehicles stopping, standing, or parking in
36 a designated bicycle lane, as defined in this section, unless
37 otherwise permitted under law or in the event of an emergency.²

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39 ²[9.] 10.² This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.