

## CHAPTER 213

**AN ACT** authorizing municipalities to increase fines for certain trucks violating truck route ordinances and supplementing Title 40 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.40:67-16.5a Fines for violation of certain truck route ordinances; required signage.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, a municipality with a system of truck routes established by ordinance pursuant to P.L.1953, c.354 (C. 40:67-16.1 et seq.) that excludes all trucks having a total combined gross weight in excess of four tons from certain municipal streets may, by ordinance, increase the penalties for violating the truck route ordinance while traveling on a street or road having a grade in excess of five percent as follows:

- a. for a first violation a fine of not less than \$2,500 or more than \$3,000, and
- b. for second or subsequent violations a fine of not less than \$4,000 or more than \$5,000.

A municipality that adopts an ordinance to increase penalties in accordance with this section shall place signs in appropriate locations to warn truck drivers in advance that a road grade in excess of five percent is ahead, that trucks in excess of four tons are prohibited from traveling on the grade, and that increased fines will be imposed for a violation of the prohibition.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 29, 2005.