

CHAPTER 133

AN ACT providing for sponsorship by private entities of NJDOT safety or emergency service patrol vehicles and equipment, amending P.L.1966, c.301.

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

1. Section 5 of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-5) is amended to read as follows:

C.27:1A-5 Additional functions, powers, duties of commissioner.

5. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall have all of the functions, powers and duties heretofore vested in the State Highway Commissioner and shall, in addition to the functions, powers and duties vested in him by this act or by any other law:

(a) Develop and maintain a comprehensive master plan for all modes of transportation development, with special emphasis on public transportation. Such plan shall be revised and updated at least every five years;

(b) Develop and promote programs to foster efficient and economical transportation services in the State;

(c) Prepare plans for the preservation, improvement and expansion of the public transportation system, with special emphasis on the coordination of transit modes and the use of rail rights of way, highways and public streets for public transportation purposes;

(d) Enter into contracts with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the provision and improvement of public transportation services;

(e) Coordinate the transportation activities of the department with those of other public agencies and authorities;

(f) Cooperate with interstate commissions and authorities, State departments, councils, commissions and other State agencies, with appropriate federal agencies, and with interested private individuals and organizations in the coordination of plans and policies for the development of air commerce and air facilities;

(g) Make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the department's operations, and render such other reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be required by law;

(h) Promulgate regulations providing for the charging of and setting the amount of fees for certain services performed by and permits issued by the department, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Providing copies of documents prepared by or in the custody of the department;

(2) Aeronautics permits;

(3) Right-of-way permits;

(4) Traffic signal control systems;

(i) Develop and promote programs for the preservation, improvement and expansion of freight railroads, with special emphasis on the use of rail rights of way for the purpose of providing rail freight service;

(j) Develop and promote a program to ensure the safety and continued operation of aviation facilities in New Jersey;

(k) Enter into agreements with a public or private entity or consortia thereof to provide for the development of demonstration projects through the use of public-private partnerships pursuant to sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1997, c.136 (C.27:1D-1 through C.27:1D-9);

(l) Do any and all things necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-1 et seq.) and to exercise the powers given and granted in that act; and

(m) Enter into agreements or contracts with a private entity and charge and collect fees or other payments for the placement of sponsorship acknowledgment and advertising on signs, equipment, materials, and vehicles used for a safety service patrol or emergency service patrol program operated by the department, or operated by a private entity under contract with the department or through the use of a public-private partnership or demonstration project.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2011.