

CHAPTER 139

AN ACT concerning the eligibility requirements for certain sign programs, amending P.L.1997, c.144, and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1997, c.144 (C.27:7-21.12) is amended to read as follows:

C.27:7-21.12 Motor service signs, lease, license, contract.

1. a. The Commissioner of Transportation may lease, license, or contract the use, management, or operation of any State right-of-way or any real property of the department for the purpose of placing motorist service signs and tourist-oriented directional signs in a manner as to produce revenue for the support of the State.

b. In entering into a lease, license, or contract pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall either set a fee for the lease, license, or contract which shall yield at least a fair rental value for the use of the right-of-way or real property, or award the lease, license, or contract on the basis of competitive public bids or proposals to the responsible bidder or proposer whose bid or proposal is determined to be in the best interest of the State, price and other factors considered.

c. Any sign placed on departmental property pursuant to a lease, license, or contract entered into pursuant to this section shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued by the Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Transportation.

d. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, and consistent with federal law, a facility shall not be required to have a public telephone or free drinking water available in order to participate in any motorist service sign program or Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program, as implemented by the department.

C.27:23-58 Public telephone, free drinking water unnecessary for participation in service sign program along NJ Turnpike, Garden State Parkway.

2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, and consistent with federal law, a facility shall not be required to have a public telephone or free drinking water available in order to participate in any specific service sign program, as implemented by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

b. As used in this section, "specific service sign program" means a program that provides for the installation and maintenance of signs along the New Jersey Turnpike or Garden State Parkway that identify and provide directional information to motorists for gas, food, lodging, camping, and attraction facilities, including, but not limited to, a tourist-oriented directional sign program, a specific service logo sign program, or a highway sponsorship sign program.

C.27:25A-49 Public telephone, free drinking water unnecessary for participation in sign program along Atlantic City Expressway.

3. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, and consistent with federal law, a facility shall not be required to have a public telephone or free drinking water available in order to participate in any specific service sign program, as implemented by the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

b. As used in this section, "specific service sign program" means a program that provides for the installation and maintenance of signs along the Atlantic City Expressway

that identify and provide directional information to motorists for gas, food, lodging, camping, and attraction facilities, including, but not limited to, a tourist-oriented directional sign program, a specific service logo sign program, or a highway sponsorship sign program.

4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall not apply to contracts entered into or renewed before the date of enactment.

Approved November 9, 2015.