

CHAPTER 113

AN ACT concerning certain services provided by the New Jersey Transit Corporation, designated as “Tommy’s Law,” and supplementing P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et al.).

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

C.27:25-5.22 New Jersey Transit required to take action, adopt policies relative to persons injured, killed in incidents involving their vehicles.

1. a. The corporation shall designate an employee within the New Jersey Transit Police Department to serve as a liaison between the corporation and the New Jersey Transit Police Department and a person injured, or any member of the person’s immediate family if the person was killed, as a result of an incident involving a motorbus or rail or light rail vehicle operated by or under contract with the corporation. The designated employee shall:

(1) provide in an appropriate and sensitive manner any information, to the extent permitted by law, to the person injured or, for a person killed, a member of the person’s immediate family, and promptly respond to any reasonable inquiry by the person injured or, for a person killed, a member of the person’s immediate family; and

(2) upon the conclusion of an investigation related to a person injured or killed, return in an appropriate and sensitive manner all personal belongings in the possession of the corporation to the person injured or, for a person killed, a member of the person’s immediate family.

b. As used in P.L.2018, c.113 (C.27:25-5.22), “member of the person’s immediate family” means a spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, or next of kin.

2. a. Within 12 months of the effective date of P.L.2018, c.113 (C.27:25-5.22), the corporation shall study methods and adopt policies to improve the corporation’s interactions with, and the return of personal belongings to, a person injured or a member of the person’s immediate family if the person was killed as a result of an incident involving a motorbus or rail or light rail vehicle operated by or under contract with the corporation. The study shall include an analysis of methods to expedite the process and ease the burden of any person seeking the return of any personal belongings of the person injured or deceased.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 24, 2018.