

SUBTITLE D. NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

CHAPTER 8

REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

Authority

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Chapter 8, Regulations Governing Use of the Garden State Parkway, expires on April 7, 2003.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 8, Regulations Governing Use of the Garden State Parkway, Subchapters 1 through 4, was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

Subchapter 5, Central Purchasing, and Subchapter 6, Sale of Surplus Personal Property, were adopted as R.1976 d.92, effective March 25, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 155(b), 8 N.J.R. 315(a).

Subchapter 7, Inspection and Obtaining of Authority Records, was adopted as R.1976 d.168, effective May 28, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 263(c), 8 N.J.R. 359(c).

Subchapter 8, Special Permits for Oversize Vehicles, was adopted as R.1980 d.476, effective October 31, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 619(c), 12 N.J.R. 732(c).

Subchapter 9, Permits for Outdoor Advertising, was adopted as R.1982 d.361, effective October 18, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 901(a), 14 N.J.R. 1166(d).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 8, Regulations Governing Use of the Garden State Parkway, was readopted as R.1983 d.237, effective June 2, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 615(a), 15 N.J.R. 1039(d).

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Chapter 8, Regulations Governing the of the Garden State Parkway, was adopted as R.1988 d.292, effective July 5, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 890(a), 20 N.J.R. 1571(c).

Subchapter 10, Pre-Employment Screening, was adopted as R.1989 d.44, effective January 17, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2864(a), 21 N.J.R. 173(c).

Subchapter 11, Organizational Rules, was adopted as R.1989 d.361, effective June 14, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2056(a).

Subchapter 12, Petitions for Rules, was adopted as R.1989 d.482, effective September 18, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 1975(a), 21 N.J.R. 3021(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 8, Regulations Governing Use of the Garden State Parkway, was readopted as R.1993 d.290, effective May 17, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1500(b), 25 N.J.R. 2701(c).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS AND TRAFFIC RULES**19:8-1.1 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Amphitheater” means the theater and lawn areas within the confines of the fence which surrounds the theater located at the Garden State Arts Center.

“Arts Center” means the amphitheater, plaza, buildings, mall, all roads leading to and from the amphitheater, all parking areas supporting the amphitheater, and surrounding lands located on the Garden State Parkway at the Telegraph Hill Nature Area, Holmdel, New Jersey.

“Authority” means the New Jersey Highway Authority created by L.1952 c.16 and its statutory successors.

“Bus token” means the Authority’s authorized discount token for use by buses.

“Camper” means a self-propelled motor vehicle, single unit or unit attached, which is used and designed for human habitation and not used for commercial purposes.

“Car” means a passenger motor vehicle, including station wagons, hearses, funeral flower and funeral service vehicles for which issuance of passenger car plates is authorized, taxicabs, motorcycles, two axle four tire campers, school buses and panel vans, pickup trucks and similar vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding 6,999 pounds.

“Car token” means the Authority’s authorized car token for use by cars only at exact change and/or “TOKEN ONLY” toll lanes.

“Discharge” means the unintentional or intentional action or omission resulting in the releasing, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, abandonment or dumping of a hazardous or non-hazardous material or waste into or on the land, water or air. This shall also include the disposal of containers of hazardous materials into receptacles for trash or recycling at any location on the Parkway.

“Division head” means those individuals who hold that title and who report directly to the Executive Director.

“Executive Director” means that individual so designated by the Authority.

“Garden State Parkway” or “Parkway” means the highway project known as the Garden State Parkway as defined and described in L.1952, c.16 and more particularly Section 20 thereof, expressly including, but not limited to, the Garden State Arts Center, the Telegraph Hill Nature Area, to the extent provided in an Agreement dated April 23,

1992 among the Authority, the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee and the State of New Jersey, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and all real property owned by, operated or under the jurisdiction of the Authority and any improvements thereon.

“Toll collection monitoring system rules” means this subchapter, the rules authorized and adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:12B-18.3 that prohibit a vehicle from making use of any Highway Authority project except upon the payment of such tolls as may from time to time be prescribed by the Authority and that further make it a violation subject to a civil penalty for any person to refuse to pay, to evade, or to attempt to evade the payment of such tolls, if the violation is recorded by a toll collection monitoring system as defined in this section.

“Vehicle” means the term “vehicle” as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1.

“Violating vehicle” means a vehicle alleged to be involved in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system rules.

19:8-14.2 Toll collection monitoring system violation; advisory and payment request

(a) It shall be a violation of the toll collection monitoring system rules for an owner, operator, lessor or lessee to fail to pay the toll for passage of a vehicle on the Garden State Parkway, unless an exemption exists for the payment of the required toll. Except as provided in N.J.S.A. 27:12B-18.4(b) and (e) and (f) below, an owner of a vehicle shall be jointly and severally liable for the failure of an operator of the vehicle to comply with the toll collection system monitoring rules. The owner of a vehicle shall be liable if the vehicle was used or operated by the operator with the express or implied permission of the owner when the violation of the toll collection system monitoring rules was committed, and the evidence of the violation is obtained by a toll collection monitoring system. An owner of a vehicle shall not be liable if the operator of the vehicle has been identified and charged with a violation of N.J.S.A. 27:12B-18 for the same incident.

(b) Within 30 days of the date that a toll violation occurs, the Authority or its agent may send an Advisory and Payment Request to the owner of the violating vehicle by regular mail as provided for in P.L. 1997, c.49. Upon receipt of the Advisory and Payment Request, the owner of the violating vehicle shall pay to the Authority or its agent, the proper toll and an administrative fee in the amount of \$25.00 per violation. If the owner fails to pay the required toll and fee within 60 days of the date on which the Advisory and Payment Request was sent, the owner shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:8-14.3. The Authority or its agent may cause additional Advisory and Payment Requests to be issued in regard to an unresolved violation.

(c) The Advisory and Payment Request shall contain the name and address of the person alleged to be liable as an owner of a violating vehicle, the license plate number of the violating vehicle, the location where such violation took place, and the date and time of such violation.

(d) The Advisory and Payment Request shall contain information advising the person named of the manner in which he or she may contest the liability alleged in the Advisory and Payment Request or assert that liability should not attach in a given instance due to circumstances that caused an inadvertent toll violation to occur. Such Advisory and Payment Request shall also contain advice that persons failing to pay the indicated toll and administrative fee or failing to successfully contest the liability will render the owner subject to the penalties described in N.J.A.C. 19:8-14.3.

(e) If an owner receives an Advisory and Payment Request pursuant to this section for any time period during which the vehicle was reported to the police as having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of liability for a violation of this section that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had not been recovered by such time. If an owner receives an Advisory and Payment Request pursuant to this section for any time period during which the vehicle was stolen, but not as yet reported to the police as having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of liability for a violation of these regulations that the vehicle was reported stolen within two hours after the discovery of the theft by the owner. For purposes of asserting that the vehicle was stolen, it shall be sufficient that a certified copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle be sent first class mail to the Authority or its agent at the address specified on the Advisory and Payment Request.

(f) An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which an Advisory and Payment Request was issued pursuant to this section shall not be liable for the violation provided that the lessor submits to the Authority or the party issuing the Advisory and Payment Request a copy of the rental, lease or other such contract document covering such vehicle on the date of the violation (with the name and address of the lessee clearly legible), within 30 days after receiving the original Advisory and Payment Request. Failure to send such information within such 30-day time period shall render the lessor liable for the prescribed penalty. Where the lessor complies with these provisions, and the lessee is sent an Advisory and Payment Request within 30 days of such compliance by the lessor, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section and shall be subject to liability for same.

(g) The Authority may designate an employee(s) or agent(s) of the Authority to be a complaining witness on behalf of the Authority and to cause a summons and complaint to issue to the extent permitted by and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey.

(h) The Authority may adopt a form of contract (“subscript agreement”) which may set forth the terms and

provisions that govern the responsibilities, duties and obligations of an owner as a subscriber to the Authority's electronic toll collection system which contract may include the immediate termination of the owner as a patron of the Authority's electronic toll collection system if the owner fails to comply with the terms and provisions of the aforesaid contract.

19:8-14.3 Penalties

(a) A violation of this subchapter shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power of the Authority to proceed against an operator of a vehicle for a violation of N.J.A.C. 19:8-4.1 or as prohibiting or limiting the enforcement of a violation of the motor vehicle and traffic laws as set forth in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes except that an operator of a vehicle charged with a violation of N.J.S.A. 27:12B-18 shall not be liable for the civil penalty provided in (a) above for the same incident.