

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 88**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges PANYNJ to improve conditions for port truckers that operate in port facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the Port Authority of New York and  
2       New Jersey to improve conditions for the port truckers that  
3       operate in port facilities.

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5   **WHEREAS**, The Port of New York and New Jersey, which is operated  
6       by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (port authority)  
7       and is the largest port on the East coast, is considered the gateway  
8       to the one of the most concentrated consumer markets in North  
9       America with 72 percent of consumer goods shipped to or from the  
10      East coast traveling through the port; and

11   **WHEREAS**, The port, which encompasses several port facilities,  
12      including the Port Newark, Elizabeth Port Authority Marine  
13      Terminal, Port Jersey Port Authority Marine Terminal, Howland  
14      Hook Marine Terminal and Brooklyn Port Authority Marine  
15      Terminal, has faced backlogs that have been exacerbated by supply  
16      chain shortages; and

17   **WHEREAS**, As a result of backlogged port facilities, many port  
18      truckers, or tractor trailer operators who transport the containers  
19      unloaded from container cargo vessels, regularly face long wait  
20      times and have been required to idle for hours outside of port  
21      facilities with lines as long as five miles and wait times up to eight  
22      hours long; and

23   **WHEREAS**, Many port truckers have seen the waiting conditions to  
24      pick up cargo grow increasingly uncomfortable as many port  
25      facilities do not have bathroom facilities for port truckers, do not  
26      allow port truckers to exit their cabs while waiting in line, and do  
27      not have emergency exits at the port facilities to allow port truckers  
28      to depart the line in the event of an emergency; and

29   **WHEREAS**, At certain port facilities, specifically the Port of Elizabeth,  
30      emergencies can result in major penalties, as a port trucker has the  
31      potential to be suspended from loading and unloading at the facility  
32      for two weeks if a port trucker suffers an emergency that requires  
33      them to leave their cab; and

34   **WHEREAS**, Such violations systems, including the system at the Port  
35      of Elizabeth, are enforced without any due process or right of  
36      appeal for the port truckers; and

37   **WHEREAS**, These violation systems are particularly troubling as they  
38      jeopardize the livelihood of many port truckers, who are paid by the  
39      load or terminal container, by preventing them access to the port  
40      facility and thereby preventing them from making a livelihood; and

41   **WHEREAS**, It incumbent on the port authority to offer restrooms for  
42      port truckers, create well-labeled emergency exits at port facilities,  
43      and amend the violations systems at port facilities to provide for  
44      actual due process and rights to appeal for port truckers; and

45   **WHEREAS**, As approximately 85 percent of the goods that move  
46      through the Port of New York and New Jersey are transported by  
47      truck, the port authority is the entity that is required to improve the

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1 conditions for the port truckers, who keep the economy of the  
2 region and nation moving; now, therefore,

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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6 1. This House urges the Port Authority of New York and New  
7 Jersey to improve conditions for the port truckers that operate in  
8 port facilities by providing restrooms, creating well-labeled  
9 emergency exits at port facilities, and amending the violations  
10 systems at port facilities to provide for actual due process and rights  
11 to appeal for port truckers.

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13 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
14 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor  
15 of the State of New Jersey, the Governor of the State of New York,  
16 the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New  
17 Jersey, and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port  
18 Authority of New York and New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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23 This resolution urges the Port Authority of New York and New  
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27 systems at port facilities to provide for actual due process and rights  
28 to appeal.