

**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING
SENATE BILL NO. 1654**

Today I am pleased to sign Senate Bill No. 1654, which requires the New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("NJTA") and the South Jersey Transportation Authority ("SJTA") to enable a New Jersey E-ZPass ("NJ E-ZPass") customer who passes through a toll plaza operated by NJTA or SJTA to receive an electronic notification that their NJ E-ZPass account has been charged. The bill allows NJTA and SJTA to provide the electronic notification through a mobile application "push" notification.

I commend the bill's sponsors for working with NJTA and SJTA to ensure that NJ E-ZPass customers are alerted of any new E-ZPass charges to help them stay abreast of toll charges and track account balances. After the bill's sponsors brought this matter to the attention of NJTA and SJTA, the two authorities worked diligently to update the NJ E-ZPass mobile application to add the capabilities required by Senate Bill No. 1654. I am advised by NJTA and SJTA that all required technical changes have been implemented such that any NJ E-ZPass customer who logs into their account on the NJ E-ZPass mobile application may now opt in to receive a "push" notification on their mobile phone alerting them that a toll charge has posted to their account.

Consistent with Senate Bill No. 1654, the push notification will be delivered within 24 hours of the charge posting to the customer's account. I am further advised by NJTA and SJTA that, depending on the toll plaza and time of day, a charge typically posts to a customer's account between one and 24 hours after the customer's E-ZPass tag is read. However, it may take longer if the account is not recognized at the time of the transaction. As contemplated by the bill's text, this capability is available for all toll plazas operated by NJTA or SJTA, meaning those on the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, and Atlantic City Expressway. It will also be available on toll plazas operated by the Cape May County Bridge Commission.

I once again commend the bill's sponsors as well as NJTA and SJTA for their tireless efforts in support of New Jersey drivers.

Date: October 18, 2021

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor