



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 356

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- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 144.3712 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** implementation of  
2     employer compliance plans for the employer trip reduction program.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

The federal clean air act requires a state that contains an area that is classified as a severe ozone nonattainment area to require employers in that area to implement a program to reduce work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled by employees. The employe trip reduction program (also called the employe commute options program) must require each employer of 100 or more persons in the nonattainment area to increase average passenger occupancy per vehicle in commuting trips during peak travel periods. The program must also require each of those employers to submit a compliance plan by November 15, 1994, that demonstrates that the employer will comply with the requirements of the program no later than November 15, 1996. States that do not comply with requirements of the clean air act may be subject to penalties including loss of certain federal highway funds.

Current state law requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to promulgate rules for an employe trip reduction program that is consistent with federal requirements. The state law requires an employer in the severe ozone nonattainment area to submit a compliance plan by November 15, 1994, that demonstrates that the employer will meet the requirements of the program no later than November 15, 1996.

This bill provides that an employer is not required to implement its employe trip reduction program compliance plan until May 1, 1996. The bill eliminates the requirement that the plan demonstrate that the employer will comply with the requirements of the program no later than November 15, 1996. The bill also requires DNR to assist an employer that voluntarily implements its compliance plan before May 1, 1996.

