

General Assembly and Secretary of the Senate in conformance therewith.

5. That this Order shall take effect immediately.
Issued January 17, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 31

WHEREAS, R. S. 48:12-109 mandates that certain State employees shall travel free of charge over all railroads operating in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, That statute was enacted in 1903, apparently in response to the provision of right-of-way by the State to various railroad companies; and

WHEREAS, The historical validity for this practice has long since ceased, and the statute itself is no longer necessary, and should be repealed; and

WHEREAS, The number of rail passes issued under the authority of this statute has, in the past, exceeded the number of persons authorized to receive such passes; and

WHEREAS, Persons not authorized to hold rail passes have previously received such passes; and

WHEREAS, It is further necessary in a time of fiscal constraints to maximize the revenues that may be earned by New Jersey Transit, the State agency that, since January 1, 1983, has operated the commuter railroads in New Jersey;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. The terms of R. S. 48:12-109 et seq. will be strictly construed. No rail pass may be issued to any person not specifically entitled to such a pass under the mandate of the statute.

2. No pass shall be issued to those State officers or employees enumerated in the statute, unless the officer or employee utilizes such a pass on a regular basis for purposes related to State busi-

ness, other than daily transport to and from the residence of the officer or employee.

3. The Secretary of State shall have the responsibility for issuing rail passes within the constraints set forth by this Order.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued January 19, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 32

WHEREAS, According to the most recent weather reports, in hand as of 12:30 a.m. today, February 12, 1983, severe weather conditions, including snow and high winds, have made State roadways hazardous to travel throughout the entire State; and

WHEREAS, Wind-caused snow drifts throughout the State make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as fire, police and first aid; and

WHEREAS, The storm poses a serious threat and constitutes a disaster from a natural cause which threatens and presently does endanger the health, safety or resources of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of this State, and which is in some parts of the State and may become in other parts of the State too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by normal municipal operating services; and

WHEREAS, Also according to the most recent weather reports, travel conditions across the entire State are expected to worsen throughout the entire day and early evening; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of the Laws of 1942, chapter 251 (C. App. A:9-30 et seq.) and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, do DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a limited state of emergency exists in the State of New Jersey;