



Man seeks to scrap NJ pedestrian law

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(AP) — LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP, N.J. - A Jersey shore businessman is trying to put the brakes on the state's new pedestrian law.

Dick Jeffries says the law is a "nightmare" on Long Beach Island. The owner of Jeffries Floor & Decor has started a petition seeking the law's repeal and Long Beach Township Mayor Joseph Mancini is encouraging people to sign it.

The law, which took effect April 1, requires motorists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Pedestrians can also be fined for not obeying traffic signals.

Mancini fears someone will get killed on Long Beach Island, where there are two northbound lanes, two southbound lanes and a median turning lane.

State Sen. Christopher Conners, Assemblyman Brian Rumpf and Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove have asked for a meeting with state officials to clarify the law.

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