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"Buck a Truck" Killed for the Second Time

With just minutes to spare to avert a government shutdown at midnight on July 1, Governor Murphy signed the FY 2026 state budget. The budget sent to the Governor's desk, passed along party lines in both the Assembly and Senate, is a record setting \$58.8 billion ... over \$700 million more than the budget originally proposed by the Governor. Surprisingly, the budget did not contain a sales tax or other broad-based tax increases. Of particular note for DeliverNJ members, the legislature did not include the Governor's proposed \$2 truck traffic excise fee that would have been imposed on warehouses throughout the state based on the number of truck trips. This is the second year in a row the Governor's "buck a truck" proposal was eliminated by legislative leadership.

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