

CHAPTER 409

AN ACT concerning purposely transmitting a disease, supplementing chapter 24 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, and repealing N.J.S.2C:34-5.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.2C:24-7.2 Personal identifying information protected during certain prosecutions, knowingly exposing others to infectious, communicable disease.

1. a. As used in this section:

“Infectious or communicable disease” means a non-airborne disease spread from person to person that is fatal or causes disabling long-term consequences in the absence of treatment and management.

“Personal identifying information” means any name, address, or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual, and any photographic image, reproduction, or other depiction of a person.

b. In a prosecution under section 1 of P.L.2015, c.186 (C.2C:24-7.1) against a person who knowingly or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of transmitting an infectious or communicable disease to another person, all court decisions, orders, petitions, motions, and other documents filed by the parties and the prosecutor shall be redacted to protect the name and other personal identifying information of the other person from public disclosure, unless the other person requests otherwise. Additionally, the court shall enter appropriate orders to bar the disclosure of the name or other personal identifying information of the other person by the parties, attorneys, law enforcement, and any other persons, unless the other person requests otherwise.

Repealer.

2. N.J.S.2C:34-5 is repealed.

3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following enactment.

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