

CHAPTER 245

AN ACT concerning public brawls and disorderly conduct and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.2C:33-2.2 Penalties, fines for parents, legal guardians demonstrating willful, wanton disregard, conduct of juvenile.

1. A parent or legal guardian having legal custody of a juvenile shall be:

a. subject to a fine of \$1,000, to be collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), if the parent or legal guardian demonstrated willful or wanton disregard in the exercise of the supervision and control of the conduct of the juvenile such that the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent for engaging in improper behavior in violation of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:33-2, which resulted in property damage;

b. guilty of a petty disorderly persons offense if the parent or legal guardian demonstrated willful or wanton disregard in the exercise of the supervision and control of the conduct of the juvenile such that the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent for a first offense of inciting a public brawl in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:33-1; and

c. guilty of a disorderly persons offense if the parent or legal guardian demonstrated willful or wanton disregard in the exercise of the supervision and control of the conduct of the juvenile and the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent for a second or subsequent offense of inciting a public brawl in violation of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:33-1.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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