

CHAPTER 164

AN ACT concerning quotas for motor vehicle and traffic violations and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.40A:14-181.1 Definitions regarding motor vehicle, traffic violations.

1. For the purposes of this act:

"Citation" means a citation as defined in section 4 of P.L.1983, c.46 (C.39:5F-4).

"Quota" means any requirement, in writing or otherwise, regarding the number of arrests made or the number of citations issued within a defined period of time by a law enforcement officer, or regarding the proportion of the arrests made and citations issued by the law enforcement officer relative to the arrests made and citations issued by another law enforcement officer or group of officers.

C.40A:14-181.2 Police ticket quota for motor vehicle violations prohibited; permitted use of statistics.

2. a. A State, county or municipal police department or force engaged in the enforcement of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or any local ordinance adopted pursuant to this title shall not establish any quota for arrests or citations. The department or force may, however, collect, analyze and apply information concerning the number of arrests and citations in order to ensure that a particular officer or group of officers does not violate any applicable legal obligation.

b. The department or force shall not use the number of arrests or citations issued by a law enforcement officer as the sole criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or the earning of any benefit provided by the department or force. Any such arrests or citations, and their ultimate dispositions, may be considered in evaluating the overall performance of a law enforcement officer.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month after enactment.

Approved December 12, 2000.