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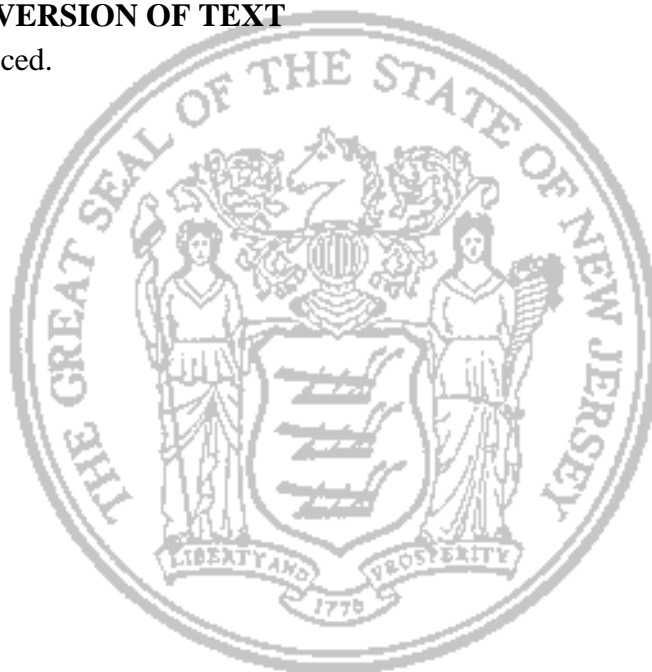
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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits tourist helicopter operations in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/17/2015)**

1 AN ACT concerning certain helicopter operations in New Jersey and  
2 supplementing Title 6 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 "Airport" means a designated area of land, water, or both, which  
10 is licensed by the Department of Transportation for the landing and  
11 takeoff of airplanes and other aircraft, and which may provide  
12 facilities for shelter, security, and service of aircraft.

13 "Emergency medical transportation" shall have the same  
14 meaning as provided in section 1 of P.L.1986, c.106 (C.26:2K-35).

15 "Helicopter" means a rotary wing aircraft that depends  
16 principally upon the lift generated by engine-driven rotors rotating  
17 on a substantially vertical axis for its primary means of propulsion.

18 "Heliport" means a dedicated area of defined dimensions, either  
19 at ground level or elevated on a structure, designated for the landing  
20 or takeoff of helicopters and used solely for that purpose.

21 "Helistop" means an area of defined dimensions, either at ground  
22 level or elevated on a structure designated for the landing or take  
23 off of helicopters, but not limited in use to that sole purpose.

24 "Tourist helicopter" means a helicopter that operates for the  
25 purpose of providing sightseeing tours to patrons in areas including,  
26 but not limited to, the Hudson River between New Jersey and New  
27 York City, the Statute of Liberty, and Ellis Island.

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29 2. In order to eliminate the noise, safety hazards, and other  
30 negative impacts on the quality of life of New Jersey residents  
31 caused by tourist helicopters, the Commissioner of Transportation  
32 shall prohibit all tourist helicopter operations at all aviation  
33 facilities licensed by the State including, but not limited to, airports,  
34 helipads, and heliports. Flights by helicopters owned or operated  
35 by a federal or military authority or the State government and  
36 helicopters providing emergency medical transportation shall not be  
37 included in the prohibition.

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 tourist helicopter operations at aviation facilities licensed by the  
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