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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits sale of infant walkers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on February 14, 2019, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2019)

1 AN ACT prohibiting the sale of infant walkers and supplementing
2 Title 2A of the New Jersey 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. a. A person shall not sell or offer for sale in this State an
8 infant walker.

9 b. For the purposes of this section, “infant walker” ¹**[shall**
10 **mean]** means¹ a device used to assist ¹**[babies]** a baby¹ with
11 ¹**[their]**¹ mobility before ¹**[they are]** the baby is¹ walking and
12 refers to a mobile unit with wheels or casters on the bottom that
13 enables a baby to move on a horizontal surface when propelled by
14 the baby sitting or standing within the walker, but shall not include
15 a stroller, carriage, crib, high chair, or bassinet.

16 c. A law enforcement officer may confiscate an infant walker
17 that is sold or offered for sale in violation of this section.

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19 2. a. A person violating the provisions of section 1 of P.L. ,
20 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be
21 liable, in addition to the liability for any civil damages for any
22 injury to a plaintiff resulting from the sale or offering for sale of an
23 infant walker, for a civil penalty of:

24 (1) not more than \$10,000 for the first offense; and

25 (2) not more than \$20,000 for the second and each subsequent
26 offense.

27 b. The penalty prescribed by this section shall be collected and
28 enforced ¹by the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in
29 the Department of Law and Public Safety¹ by summary proceedings
30 under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274
31 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

32 ¹c. Nothing in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
33 Legislature as this bill) shall be construed to impose liability on any
34 news media that accept or publish advertising that may otherwise be
35 subject to the provisions of this act.¹

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted February 14, 2019.