

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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ASSEMBLY, No. 745

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 745 (1R).

As reported by the committee, this bill criminalizes fraudulently pretending to be a transportation network company driver. Under the bill, it is a crime of the fourth degree if a person falsely pretends to be a transportation network company driver for the purpose of obtaining a benefit for himself or another or to injure or defraud another. In addition, if the person knowingly exhibits or displays a falsely purported identifying marker as set forth in section 23 of P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-23) or some other identification, then it is a crime of the third degree.

A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by up to 18 months imprisonment, a fine up to \$10,000, or both. A crime of the third degree carries a penalty of three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

In addition, the bill provides that it is not a crime for a transportation network company driver to provide cash rides.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 745 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 1485, which was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.