

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1257

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain public venues and places of worship to submit emergency plans to law enforcement agencies for purpose of preparing for mass casualty and active shooter events.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement and amending P.L.2010, c.78.

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

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6 1. Section 1 of P.L.2010, c.78 (C.52:27D-224.3) is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 1. All sports and entertainment facilities, movie theaters, and  
9 places of worship in the State shall annually prepare and maintain  
10 an emergency operations plan in coordination with the appropriate  
11 local fire, law enforcement, and emergency response agencies. A  
12 copy of the plan shall be filed each year with the municipal  
13 emergency management coordinator and chief law enforcement  
14 officer who serves the municipality in which the sports and  
15 entertainment facility, movie theater, or place of worship is  
16 situated.

17 The emergency operations plan shall include, but not be limited  
18 to, a copy of the building plans or building layout that identifies the  
19 internal and external access routes of the sports and entertainment  
20 facility, movie theater, or place of worship. The chief law  
21 enforcement officer shall utilize the emergency operations plans  
22 submitted pursuant to this section to prepare and train for mass  
23 casualty and active shooter incidents at sports and entertainment  
24 facilities, movie theaters, and places of worship.

25 An emergency operations plan shall not be considered a public  
26 record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001,  
27 c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

28 **【**For the purposes of this act, "sports" **】** As used in this section:

29 "Movie theater" means a premises capable of seating more than  
30 1,000 people at which the display of motion pictures to the general  
31 public in exchange for a fee is the primary and principal business.

32 "Place of worship" means a building capable of seating more  
33 than 500 people, including but not limited to a church, mosque, or  
34 synagogue, used primarily as a place of public or private worship  
35 on a permanent basis by a recognized and established religious sect  
36 or denomination registered as a not-for-profit organization pursuant  
37 to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, 26  
38 U.S.C. s.501 (c) (3).

39 "Sports and entertainment facility" means any privately or  
40 publicly owned or operated facility capable of seating more than  
41 5,000 people and is used primarily for sports contests,  
42 entertainment, or both, such as a theater, stadium, museum, arena,  
43 automobile racetrack, or other place where performances, concerts,  
44 exhibits, games or contests are held.

45 (cf: P.L.2010, c.78, s.1)

**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.

1       2. This act shall take effect of the first day of the seventh  
2 month following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7       This bill requires sports and entertainment facilities capable of  
8 seating more than 5,000 people, movie theaters capable of seating  
9 more than 1,000 people, and places of worship capable of seating  
10 more than 500 people to annually prepare and maintain an  
11 emergency operations plan in coordination with the appropriate  
12 local fire, law enforcement, and emergency response agencies.

13       Under section 1 of P.L.2010, c.78 (C.52:27D-224.3), sports and  
14 entertainment facilities are required to annually file an emergency  
15 operations plan with the municipal emergency management  
16 coordinator. This bill extends this requirement to movie theaters  
17 and places of worship and requires that the emergency operations  
18 plan be submitted to the chief law enforcement officer who serves  
19 the municipality in which the sports and entertainment facility,  
20 movie theater, or place of worship is located. The emergency  
21 operations plan is required to include, but not be limited to, a copy  
22 of the building plans or building layout that identifies the internal  
23 and external access routes of the sports and entertainment facility,  
24 movie theater, or place of worship. The chief law enforcement  
25 officer is required to utilize the emergency operations plans to  
26 prepare and train for mass casualty and active shooter incidents at  
27 these venues.