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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits mail order, Internet, telephone, and any other anonymous method of ammunition sale or transfer in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the sale of ammunition and supplementing Title
2 2C 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. As used in this section, “face-to-face transaction” means
8 a sale or transfer in which the purchaser, transferee, or assignee is
9 in the physical presence of the seller, transferor, or assigner at the
10 time the sale or transfer is consummated. The term shall not
11 include any transaction conducted by mail order, the Internet,
12 telephone, or any other anonymous method of transaction in which
13 the two parties are not in each other’s physical presence.

14 b. All ammunition sales and transfers shall be consummated as
15 face-to-face transactions between the seller, transferor, or assigner
16 and the purchaser, transferee, or assignee.

17 c. Each person purchasing or receiving ammunition shall, at
18 the time of sale or transfer, display a photograph-bearing valid State
19 or federal issued driver’s license or other government issued form
20 of identification bearing a photograph.

21 d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

22 (1) any person licensed as a manufacturer or retail dealer
23 pursuant to federal law or chapter 58 of Title 2C of the New Jersey
24 Statutes;

25 (2) a collector of firearms or ammunition as curios or relics who
26 purchases, receives, acquires, or transfers ammunition which is
27 recognized as being historical in nature or of historical significance;
28 or

29 (3) a law enforcement agency or law enforcement official for
30 law enforcement purposes.

31 e. With regard to the sale and transfer of handgun ammunition,
32 the provisions of this section shall be in addition to the
33 requirements set forth under section 1 of P.L.2007, c.318 (C.2C:58-
34 3.3).

35 f. A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a crime
36 of the fourth degree.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month
39 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill makes mail order, Internet, telephone, and any other
45 anonymous method of ammunition sale or transfer illegal in New
46 Jersey.

47 The provisions of the bill require all ammunition sales and
48 transfers to be consummated as face-to-face transactions. The

1 purchaser or recipient is to display a driver's license or other
2 government issued photographic identification at the time of sale.
3 Face-to-face transactions are defined as sales or transfers in which
4 the purchaser, transferee, or assignee is in the physical presence of
5 the seller, transferor, or assigner.

6 Under the bill, a violator would be guilty of a crime of the fourth
7 degree, which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18
8 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

9 Federal and State licensees and dealers, law enforcement
10 agencies and officials, and collectors, when purchasing, acquiring,
11 or transferring ammunition which is recognized as being historical
12 in nature or of historical significance, are exempt from the
13 provisions of the bill.