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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits certain video recordings in hotels and transient accommodations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/3/2022)

1 AN ACT prohibiting certain video recordings in hotels and transient
2 accommodations, and supplementing P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-
3 1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. The owner of a hotel shall not use any video recording
9 device in a unit of dwelling space or sleeping facility of the hotel.

10 b. The owner of a transient accommodation shall not use any
11 video recording device in the interior of the transient
12 accommodation while it is occupied by a guest.

13 c. An owner who violates the provisions of either subsection a.
14 or subsection b. of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of
15 \$1,000 for each violation in addition to any other penalties available
16 by law. The commissioner, a municipality that elects to enforce
17 P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-1 et seq.) pursuant to subsection b. of
18 section 3 of P.L.1987, c.30 (C.55:13A:13a) or section 21 of
19 P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-21), the Attorney General, or any other
20 person may collect the penalty authorized by this subsection by a
21 summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
22 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The municipal court
23 and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction of proceedings for the
24 enforcement of the penalty authorized by this subsection.

25 d. As used in this section:

26 "Hotel" means a building or portion of a building which is
27 regularly used and kept open as such for the lodging of guests,
28 including an apartment hotel, a motel, inn, and a rooming or
29 boarding house or club, whether or not meals are served, but does
30 not include a transient accommodation.

31 "Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential
32 dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or
33 structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired
34 out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.

35 "Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or
36 other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants,
37 including but not limited to residences or buildings used as
38 residences, but does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room,
39 group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of
40 assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an
41 elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a
42 hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a
43 provider of services for the care, support, and treatment of
44 individuals that is licensed by the State; a campsite, cabin, lean-to,
45 or other similar residential facility of a campground or an adult or
46 youth camp; or leases of real property with a term of at least 90
47 consecutive days.

1 "Video recording device" means any image recording device that
2 may be used to photograph, film, videotape, record, or otherwise
3 reproduce in any manner, the image of another person.

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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8 STATEMENT

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10 This bill would prohibit the use of video recording devices in the
11 living and sleeping areas of all hotels and transient accommodations
12 to protect the privacy of their guests. For hotels, these devices
13 would be prohibited in any dwelling space or sleeping facility. For
14 transient accommodations, these devices would be prohibited in the
15 entire interior of a transient accommodation while it is occupied by
16 a guest. A hotel or transient accommodation owner that violates the
17 provisions of the bill would be liable for a civil penalty of \$1,000
18 for each violation.