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SYNOPSIS

Grants immunity from civil liability to persons reporting information concerning crimes related to terrorism.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** establishing civil immunity for persons who give good
2 faith reports of crimes related to terrorism and supplementing
3 Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. The purpose of this act is to grant protection against civil
9 liability to members of the public who give good faith reports
10 concerning the commission or suspected commission of crimes
11 related to terrorism or conspiracies to commit these crimes. It is the
12 intent of this legislation to assure that in the wake of the September
13 11, 2001 attacks against the United States, members of the public
14 who have knowledge of or information concerning a threat to
15 domestic security are not deterred from bringing that information
16 forward to appropriate law enforcement authorities for further
17 investigation due to fear of civil liability.

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19 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
20 person who reports information to a law enforcement official or law
21 enforcement agency concerning the commission or suspected
22 commission of a crime related to terrorism, including but not
23 limited to, the crime of terrorism as set forth in section 2 of
24 P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-2), the crime of producing or possessing
25 chemical weapons, biological agents or nuclear or radiological
26 devices as set forth in section 3 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-3), the
27 crime of hindering apprehension or prosecution for terrorism as set
28 forth in section 4 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-4), the crime of
29 soliciting or providing material support or resources for terrorism as
30 set forth in section 5 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-5), the crime of
31 making terroristic threats as set forth in N.J.S.2C:12-3, the crime of
32 causing or risking widespread injury or damage as set forth in
33 N.J.S.2C:17-2, the crime of causing damage to a nuclear plant with
34 the purpose to cause or threat to cause release of radiation pursuant
35 to section 1 of P.L.1983, c.480 (C.2C:17-7), or a conspiracy or
36 suspected conspiracy to commit any crime related to terrorism shall
37 have immunity from any civil liability on account of the report,
38 unless the person has acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill provides that a person who reports information to a law
46 enforcement official or law enforcement agency concerning the
47 commission or suspected commission of a crime related to
48 terrorism, or a conspiracy to commit any crime related to terrorism,

1 shall have immunity from any civil liability on account of the
2 report, unless the person has acted in bad faith or with malicious
3 purpose.

4 Under the bill, crimes related to terrorism include, but are not
5 limited to, terrorism, section 2 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-2);
6 producing or possessing chemical weapons, biological agents or
7 nuclear or radiological devices, section 3 of P.L.2002, c.26
8 (C.2C:38-3); hindering apprehension or prosecution for terrorism,
9 section 4 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-4); soliciting or providing
10 material support or resources for terrorism, section 5 of P.L.2002,
11 c.26 (C.2C:38-5); terroristic threats, N.J.S.2C:12-3; causing or
12 risking widespread injury or damage, N.J.S.2C:17-2; and causing
13 damage to a nuclear plant with the purpose to cause or threat to
14 cause release of radiation, section 1 of P.L.1983, c.480 (C.2C:17-7).