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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on January 10, 2022 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

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AN ACT prohibiting certain employer use of tracking devices and 1 supplementing ⁴[Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes ³ and]⁴ 2 Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.³ 3 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey: 6 7 8 1. a. As used in this act: 9 "Electronic communications device" means any device that uses 10 electronic signals to create, transmit, and receive information, 11 including a computer, telephone, personal digital assistant, or other 12 similar device. 13 "Employer" means an employer or employer's agent, representative, or designee. The term "employer" does not include 14 15 the Department of Corrections, State Parole Board, county ³[corrections departments] <u>correctional facilities</u>³, ¹[or]¹ any State 16 or local ⁴[law enforcement agency] government entity⁴, or any 17 public transportation system, including but not limited to ³[,]³ 18 scheduled or charter bus transportation, whether operated by a 19 public or private company¹. 20 21 "Tracking device" means an electronic or mechanical device which ⁴ [permits the tracking of] is designed or intended to be used 22 for the sole purpose of tracking⁴ the movement of a vehicle, person, 23 or device ²but shall not include devices used for the purpose of 24 documenting employee expense reimbursement². 25 b. ⁴[It shall be a crime of the fourth degree for an] An^4 26 employer ⁴[to] <u>who⁴</u> ²<u>knowingly</u>² ⁴[make] <u>makes</u>⁴ use of a 27 tracking device ⁴[or electronic communications device]⁴ in a 28 vehicle used by an employee ⁴[that is not provided by the 29 employer **]**⁴ ²**[**, or, in the case of a vehicle provided by an employer 30 for an employee's use, to make use of a tracking device or 31 electronic communications device **]**² without ¹ [obtaining the written 32 consent of] providing written notice to¹ the employee ⁴shall be 33 subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the 34 35 first violation and not to exceed \$2,500 for each subsequent violation, collectible by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce 36 37 Development in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.)⁴. 38 ⁴[¹c. It shall be a ³disorderly persons offense for the first and 39 second violations and a³ crime of the fourth degree ³for each 40

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted October 22, 2020.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted November 12, 2020.

³Senate SLP committee amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

⁴Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's

recommendations January 10, 2022.

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subsequent violation³ for an employer to ²[track an employee 1 using an employer-provided tracking device or electronic 2 3 communications device without knowingly make use of a tracking device or electronic communications device in a vehicle provided 4 by an employer for an employee's use without² providing written 5 notice to the employee.]⁴ 6 ³[²<u>An employer who unknowingly violates any provision of this</u> 7 act shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed 8 9 \$1,000 for the first violation and \$2,500 for each subsequent violation, collectible by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce 10 Development in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty 11 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-12 <u>10 et seq.).</u>²]³ 13 ⁴[d] c⁴. Nothing in this act shall be construed to supersede 14 regulations governing interstate commerce³[,]³ including ³, ³ but 15 not limited to, the usage of electronic communications devices as 16 mandated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.¹ 17 18 19 ⁴[³<u>2</u>. An employer who unknowingly violates subsection b. or c. of section 1 of P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as 20 21 this bill) shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the first violation and \$2,500 for each subsequent violation, 22 collectible by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce 23 24 Development in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).³]⁴ 25 26 ${}^{\mathbf{3}}$ [2.] ${}^{\mathbf{4}}$ [3.] $\underline{2.4}$ This act shall take effect on the 90th day next 27 28 following the date of enactment.