

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4588

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 2021

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4588.

Currently, under N.J.S. 2C:12-1b.(13), strangulation is graded as a crime of the third degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment of three to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. This bill elevates strangulation committed in the domestic violence context against a victim of domestic violence to a crime of the second degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment of five to 10 years, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.

This bill is identical to Senate, No. 2503, which was also released by the committee on this date.