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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits law enforcement officer from administering anesthetic or sedative during arrest or traffic stop.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT an act concerning law enforcement officers and
2 supplementing Title 2A 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 law enforcement officer shall not administer an anesthetic
8 or a sedative to a person during an arrest or a traffic stop.

9 As used in this section:

10 “Anesthetic or sedative” means any drug that suppresses the
11 central nervous system or blocks the transmission of nerve impulses
12 from a specific part of the body to induce insensitivity to pain or
13 reduce irritability or excitement.

14 “Law enforcement officer” means a person whose public duties
15 include the power to act as an officer for the detection, arrest, and
16 conviction of offenders against the laws of this State.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill prohibits a law enforcement officer from administering
24 an anesthetic or a sedative to a person during an arrest or a traffic
25 stop.

26 The bill defines anesthetic or sedative to mean any drug that
27 suppresses the central nervous system or blocks the transmission of
28 nerve impulses from a specific part of the body to induce
29 insensitivity to pain or reduce irritability or excitement.