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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes criminal penalties for production and display of false COVID-19 vaccination verification card.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning falsified documents and supplementing Title
2 2C 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. A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale,
8 or otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer, or
9 expose for sale, or otherwise transfer, a document, printed form, or
10 other writing which falsely purports to be a verification issued by a
11 governmental agency of a person having received one or more
12 doses of a vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 is guilty of a crime of
13 the second degree.

14 b. A person who knowingly makes, or possesses devices or
15 materials to make, a document or other writing which falsely
16 purports to be a verification issued by a governmental agency of a
17 person having received one or more doses of a vaccination against
18 SARS-CoV-2 is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

19 c. A person who knowingly exhibits, displays, or utters a
20 document or other writing which falsely purports to be a
21 verification issued by a governmental agency of a person having
22 received one or more doses of a vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 is
23 guilty of a crime of the third degree.

24 d. A person who knowingly possesses a document or other
25 writing which falsely purports to be a verification issued by a
26 governmental agency of a person having received one or more
27 doses of a vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 is guilty of a crime of
28 the fourth degree.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill establishes certain criminal penalties in connection with
36 documents that falsely purport to be a verification issued by a
37 governmental agency of a person having received one or more
38 doses of a vaccination against SARS-CoV-2, which is the virus that
39 causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

40 A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale, or
41 otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer or
42 expose for sale, or otherwise transfer a false COVID-19 vaccination
43 verification card, or who makes or possesses the devices or
44 materials to make false COVID-19 vaccination verification cards,
45 will be guilty of a crime of the second degree, which is punishable
46 by imprisonment for five to 10 years, up to a \$150,000 fine, or both.

1 A person who knowingly exhibits, displays or utters a false
2 COVID-18 vaccination verification card will be guilty of a crime of
3 the third degree, which is punishable by imprisonment for three to
4 five years, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both.

5 A person who knowingly possesses a false COVID-19
6 vaccination verification card will be guilty of a crime of the fourth
7 degree, which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 18 months,
8 up to a \$10,000 fine, or both.