

SENATE, No. 97

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes a regulatory program for rifle and shotgun ammunition sales.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the sale of certain ammunition and
2 supplementing Title 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. As used in this section, "rifle ammunition" means
8 ammunition specifically designed to be used in a rifle. "Shotgun
9 ammunition" means ammunition specifically designed to be used in
10 a shotgun. Blank ammunition, air gun pellets, flare gun
11 ammunition, nail gun ammunition, paint ball ammunition, or any
12 non-fixed ammunition shall not be construed to be rifle ammunition
13 or shotgun ammunition for the purposes of this section.

14 b. No person shall sell, give, transfer, assign or otherwise
15 dispose of, or receive, purchase, or otherwise acquire rifle
16 ammunition or shotgun ammunition unless the purchaser, assignee,
17 donee, receiver or holder is licensed as a manufacturer, wholesaler,
18 or dealer under this chapter or is the holder of and possesses a valid
19 firearms purchaser identification card, a valid copy of a permit to
20 purchase a handgun, a valid permit to carry a handgun, or valid
21 New Jersey hunting license and first exhibits such card, permit, or
22 license to the seller, donor, transferor or assignor.

23 c. No person shall sell, give, transfer, assign or otherwise
24 dispose of rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition to a person who
25 is under 18 years of age.

26 d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a collector
27 of firearms or ammunition as curios or relics who purchases,
28 receives, acquires, possesses, or transfers rifle ammunition or
29 shotgun ammunition which is recognized as being historical in
30 nature or of historical significance.

31 e. A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a crime
32 of the fourth degree, except that nothing contained herein shall be
33 construed to prohibit the sale, transfer, assignment or disposition of
34 rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition to, or the purchase, receipt
35 or acceptance of ammunition by, a law enforcement agency or law
36 enforcement official for law enforcement purposes.

37 f. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
38 transfer of ammunition for use in a lawfully transferred firearm in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.74
40 (C.2C:58-3.1), section 1 of P.L.1997, c.375 (C.2C:58-3.2) or
41 section 14 of P.L.1979, c.179 (C.2C:58-6.1).

42 g. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale
43 of a de minimis amount of rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition
44 at a firearms range operated by a licensed dealer; a law enforcement
45 agency; a legally recognized military organization; or a rifle or
46 pistol club which has filed a copy of its charter with the
47 superintendent for immediate use at that range.

1 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
2 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill would further regulate the sale of ammunition.

8 Under current law, the sale of handgun ammunition is regulated
9 to the extent that a purchaser must establish his or her eligibility by
10 exhibiting a firearms purchaser identification card, a permit to
11 purchase a handgun, or a permit to carry a handgun and that he or
12 she is 21 years of age or older.

13 This bill would establish a similar regulatory program governing
14 the sale of rifle and shotgun ammunition. In addition to the
15 documentation a purchaser may use to establish his or her eligibility
16 to acquire handgun ammunition, this bill would permit prospective
17 rifle and shotgun ammunition purchasers to exhibit a valid New
18 Jersey hunting license to establish their eligibility. Sales and
19 transfers of rifle and shotgun ammunition may not be made to
20 individuals under 18 years of age.