

SENATE, No. 1206

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires sentences of imprisonment for committing more than one criminal homicide upon place of public worship or religious organization be served consecutively.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning criminal homicide and consecutive sentences
2 and 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:44-5 or any
8 other provision of law, if a person is convicted of more than one
9 criminal homicide in violation of murder pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-3,
10 aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-
11 4, or vehicular homicide pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-5, committed
12 upon the structure, building or the immediate surrounding area of
13 any structure or building of a church, synagogue, temple, mosque or
14 other place of public worship, or any property owned or leased by a
15 nonprofit, religiously affiliated organization, the sentences of
16 imprisonment for each such criminal homicide shall run
17 consecutively.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill requires that sentences of imprisonment for conviction
25 of more than one criminal homicide committed upon the premises
26 of a church, synagogue, temple, mosque or other place of public
27 worship, or any property owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously
28 affiliated organization, be served consecutively.

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30 The bill provides that any person who commits more than one
31 criminal homicide on the grounds of a place of public worship or of
32 a nonprofit, religiously affiliated organization serve the sentences of
33 imprisonment consecutively. The bill specifies that the terms of
34 imprisonment resulting from the convictions of murder pursuant to
35 N.J.S.2C:11-3, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter pursuant
36 to N.J.S.2C:11-4, or vehicular homicide pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-5,
are to run consecutively.