

SENATE, No. 1694

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes civil action for damages against organizations that support terrorism.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning organizations that support terrorism 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. As used in this act:

8 (1) The terms "charitable organization," "charitable purpose,"
9 "material support or resources" and "professional fund raiser" shall
10 have the meaning provided in section 5 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-
11 5).

12 (2) The term "terrorism" shall mean the crime of terrorism
13 established by section 2 of P.L.2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-2)

14 (3) The term "victim" means a person, or the representative of a
15 person, who suffers personal, physical or psychological injury or
16 death or incurs loss of or injury to personal or real property as a
17 result of an act of terrorism.

18 b. Any person, charitable organization or professional fund
19 raiser who solicits, transports or otherwise provides material
20 support or resources with the purpose or knowledge that such
21 material support or resources will be used, in whole or in part, to
22 aid, plan, prepare or carry out an act of terrorism or with the
23 purpose or knowledge that such material support or resources are to
24 be given, in whole or in part, to a person or an organization that has
25 committed or has the purpose to commit or has threatened to
26 commit an act of terrorism, and any person, charitable organization
27 or professional fund raiser who solicits, transports, or otherwise
28 provides material support or resources to or on behalf of a person or
29 an organization that is designated as a foreign terrorist organization
30 by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to 8 U.S.C.§1189,
31 shall be liable in a civil action for damages brought by a victim of
32 terrorism.

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill establishes a civil action for damages against
40 organizations that provide material support or resources for
41 terrorism.

42 Under the bill, a victim of terrorism would be authorized to bring
43 a civil action against: (1) any person, charitable organization or
44 professional fund raiser that solicits, transports or otherwise
45 provides material support or resources with the purpose or
46 knowledge that such material support or resources will be used, in
47 whole or in part, to aid, plan, prepare or carry out an act of
48 terrorism or with the purpose or knowledge that such material

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1 support or resources are to be given, in whole or in part, to a person
2 or an organization that has committed or has the purpose to commit
3 or has threatened to commit an act of terrorism; or (2) any person,
4 charitable organization or professional fund raiser that solicits,
5 transports, or otherwise provides material support or resources to
6 or on behalf of a person or an organization that is designated as a
7 foreign terrorist organization by the United States Secretary of State
8 pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1189.

9 The bill defines "victim" as "a person, or the representative of a
10 person, who suffers personal, physical or psychological injury or
11 death or incurs loss of or injury to personal or real property as a
12 result of an act of terrorism."