

SENATE, No. 2123

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires secure location in courthouse for taking deposition of person protected by domestic violence restraining order; designated the “Lydia Peikon-Cotz Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence, designated the “Lydia
2 Peikon-Cotz Act,” and supplementing chapter 25 of Title 2C of
3 the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Upon application by a person who is protected by a
9 temporary or permanent restraining order issued pursuant to the
10 provisions of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991,"
11 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et al.), the Superior Court shall
12 provide a secure location within the courthouse and a court officer
13 for taking the deposition of either the person or the opposing party
14 in any criminal or civil matter.

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16 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
17 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill provides that upon application by a person who is
23 protected by a temporary or permanent restraining order issued
24 pursuant to the provisions of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence
25 Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et al.), the Superior
26 Court would be required to provide a secure location within the
27 courthouse and a court officer for taking the deposition of either the
28 person or the opposing party in any criminal or civil matter.

29 The bill is modeled on a bill introduced in the state of New York,
30 A1395 of 2017-2018.

31 This bill would be designated the “Lydia Peikon-Cotz Act.”