

# SENATE, No. 437

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

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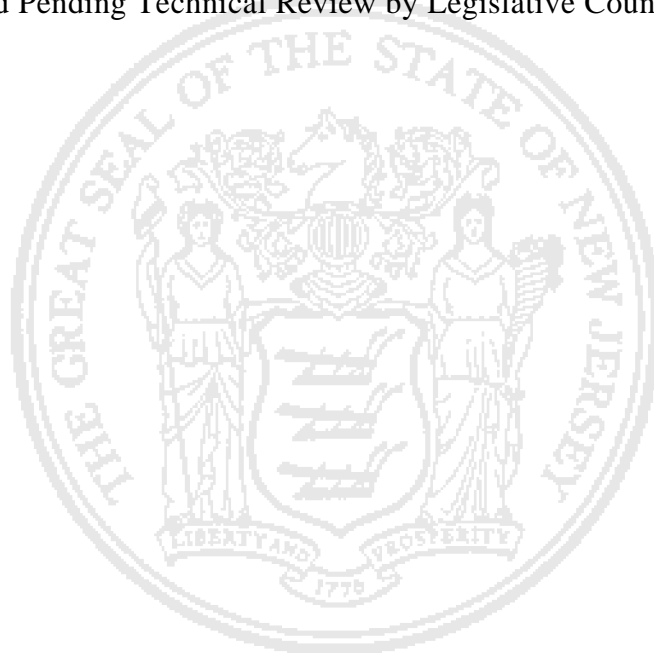
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**SYNOPSIS**

Creates the offense of racial profiling.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning racial profiling and supplementing chapter 30 of  
2 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 law enforcement officer is guilty of racial profiling when the  
8 officer uses racial characteristics or color, either alone or in  
9 conjunction with other composite characteristics such as a generalized  
10 vehicle description, or the age of the driver or passengers as the basis  
11 for initiating an investigative stop.

12 Racial profiling is a crime of the third degree.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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19 This bill creates the offense of racial profiling. Racial profiling is  
20 defined as the use of racial characteristics or color, either alone or in  
21 conjunction with other composite characteristics such as a generalized  
22 vehicle description, or the age of the driver or passengers as the basis  
23 for initiating an investigative stop. Under the bill, racial profiling is a  
24 crime of the third degree. A crime of the third degree is punishable by  
25 a term of imprisonment of three to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000,  
26 or both.