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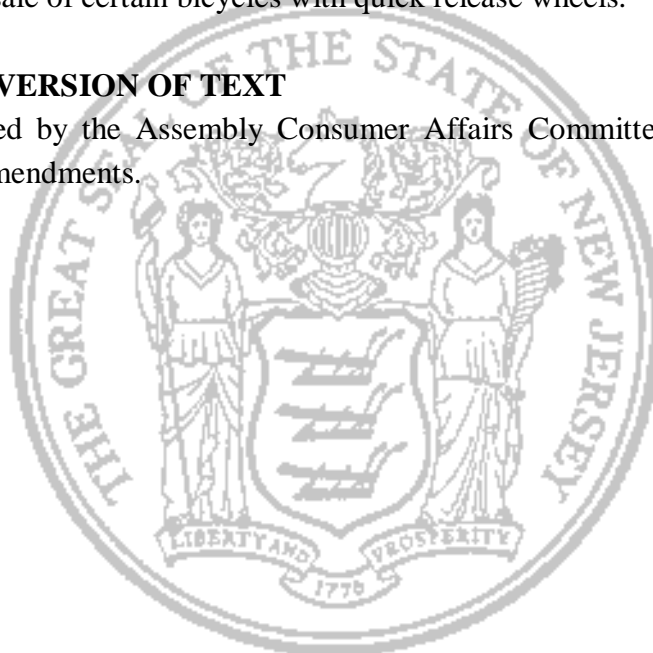
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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits sale of certain bicycles with quick release wheels.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on March 6, 2006, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT the prohibiting the sale of certain bicycles with quick
2 release wheels and supplementing P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et
3 seq.).

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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. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

9 Children riding bicycles with quick release wheels have been
10 involved in over 100 accidents;

11 Many of the children involved in these accidents have suffered
12 injuries, including permanent scarring, disfigurement, major bone
13 and dental trauma, severe scraping and bruising, brain injury, and
14 ruptured internal organs;

15 Multiple bicycle manufacturers have recalled their quick release
16 mechanisms due to failure of the mechanism; and

17 The danger to children caused by bicycles with quick release
18 wheels is unacceptable in light of the fact that safer alternatives
19 exist.

20 It is, therefore, altogether fitting and proper that the State
21 regulate the sale of bicycles with quick release wheels to stem the
22 rash of senseless injuries to children resulting from their use.

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24 2. a. It shall be an unlawful practice for any person to sell a
25 bicycle ¹**[intended for use by children]** with a wheel diameter of 20
26 inches or less,¹ which is equipped with a quick release wheel.

27 b. For the purposes of ¹**[this act]** P.L. , c. (C.)
28 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)¹, "quick release wheel"
29 means a wheel which does not require the use of any tools to be
30 removed from the bicycle.

31 A wheel which:

32 (1) is equipped with, or has been retrofitted with, a mechanism
33 designed to hold the wheel in place in an emergency, including but
34 not limited to a retainer clip; or

35 (2) requires significant level of dexterity to remove, so as to
36 reasonably prevent removal by a child,
37 shall not be construed to be a "quick release wheel" for the
38 purposes of ¹**[this act]** P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
39 Legislature as this bill)¹.

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41 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
42 after enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted March 6, 2006.