

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1304

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2008

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1304.

Under current law, any person who knowingly possesses a machine gun without being licensed to do so is guilty of a crime of the third degree. A crime of the third degree is punishable by three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. Under the provisions of this bill, the person would be guilty of a crime of the second degree. A crime of the second degree is punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.

Similarly, under current law a person who knowingly possesses an assault firearm that is not licensed, registered or rendered inoperable is guilty of a crime of the third degree. Under the provisions of this bill, the person would be guilty of a crime of the second degree.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3276, also reported by the committee on this same date.