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SYNOPSIS

Regulates sale and transfer of rifle and shotgun ammunition.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the sale and transfer of certain ammunition and
2 supplementing chapter 58 of 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. As used in this act, "rifle ammunition" means ammunition
8 specifically designed to be used in a rifle. "Shotgun ammunition"
9 means ammunition specifically designed to be used in a shotgun.
10 "Rifle ammunition" and "shotgun ammunition" shall not be
11 construed to include blank ammunition, air gun pellets, flare gun
12 ammunition, nail gun ammunition, paint ball ammunition, or any
13 non-fixed ammunition.

14 b. No person shall sell, give, transfer, assign or otherwise
15 dispose of, or receive, purchase, or otherwise acquire handgun
16 ammunition unless the purchaser, assignee, donee, receiver or
17 holder is licensed as a manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer under
18 this chapter or is the holder of and possesses a valid firearms
19 purchaser identification card, a valid copy of a permit to purchase a
20 handgun, a valid permit to carry a handgun, or a valid New Jersey
21 hunting license and first exhibits such card, permit, or license to the
22 seller, donor, transferor or assignor.

23 c. No person shall sell, give, transfer, assign or otherwise
24 dispose of rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition to a person who
25 is under 18 years of age.

26 d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a collector
27 of firearms or ammunition as curios or relics who purchases,
28 receives, acquires, possesses, or transfers rifle ammunition or
29 shotgun ammunition which is recognized as being historical in
30 nature or of historical significance.

31 e. A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a crime
32 of the fourth degree, except that nothing contained herein shall be
33 construed to prohibit the sale, transfer, assignment or disposition of
34 rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition to or the purchase, receipt
35 or acceptance of ammunition by a law enforcement agency or law
36 enforcement official for law enforcement purposes.

37 f. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
38 transfer of ammunition for use in a lawfully transferred firearm in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.74
40 (C.2C:58-3.1), section 1 of P.L.1997, c.375 (C.2C:58-3.2) or
41 section 14 of P.L.1979, c.179 (C.2C:58-6.1).

42 g. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale
43 of a de minimis amount of handgun ammunition at a firearms range
44 operated by a licensed dealer; a law enforcement agency; a legally
45 recognized military organization; or a rifle or pistol club which has
46 filed a copy of its charter with the superintendent for immediate use
47 at that range.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill would regulate the sale of rifle and shotgun
7 ammunition.

8 Under the provisions of the bill, only individuals who hold and
9 can display a valid firearms purchaser identification card, a valid
10 copy of a permit to purchase a handgun, a valid permit to carry a
11 handgun, or a valid New Jersey hunting license would be permitted
12 to purchase and possess rifle or shotgun ammunition in this State.

13 The bill exempts individuals who are collectors of firearms or
14 ammunition as curios or relics who purchase, receive, acquire,
15 possess, or transfer rifle ammunition or shotgun ammunition which
16 is recognized as being historical in nature or of historical
17 significance.

18 The bill also provides an exemption for law enforcement
19 personnel and law enforcement purposes.

20 In addition, the bill permits the transfer of some ammunition for
21 use in a lawfully transferred firearm for (1) use on a firing range
22 operated by a licensed dealer, a law enforcement agency, a legally
23 recognized military organization, or a registered rifle or pistol club;
24 (2) hunting; or (3) training purposes.

25 The bill's restrictions on the sale and possession of ammunition
26 do not apply to blank ammunition, air gun pellets, flare gun
27 ammunition, nail gun ammunition, paint ball ammunition, or any
28 non-fixed ammunition

29 The provisions of this bill are patterned upon the provisions of
30 P.L.2007, c.318 (C.2C:58-3.3) which regulates the sale and transfer
31 of handgun ammunition.