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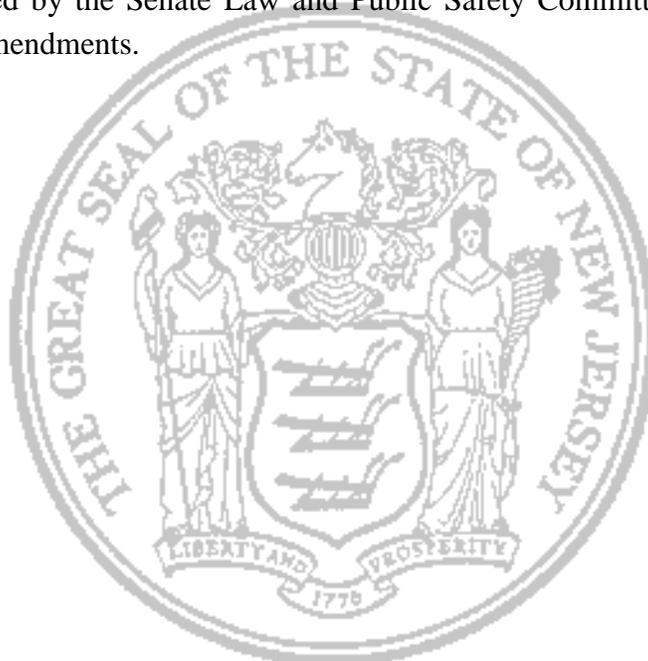
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SYNOPSIS

Allows county and municipal police departments to establish designated safe areas for Internet purchase transactions; establishes public awareness campaign.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on May 18, 2017, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement and supplementing Title 40A
2 of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 52 of the Revised 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 section ¹**[,]**¹

8 “Classified advertisement website” means an Internet website
9 that allows individuals to post items for sale or acquisition.

10 “Designated safe area” means an area on municipal police
11 department property that shall be designated by the chief law
12 enforcement officer to be used by members of the public to execute
13 an Internet sales transaction.

14 “Internet sales transaction” means an in-person exchange of an
15 item that was offered for sale or acquisition on a classified
16 advertisement website and in which the parties to the exchange
17 agree to meet at a designated safe area.

18 b. The chief law enforcement officer of each municipal police
19 department may establish a designated safe area which may be used
20 by members of the public to conduct Internet sales transactions.
21 For the purpose of ensuring public safety, the municipal police
22 department may install a video camera capable of recording a clear
23 image of the designated safe area at all times the area is made
24 available to the public.

25 c. A municipal police department or member of the department
26 shall not be responsible for regulating Internet sales transactions
27 conducted in the designated safe areas. A municipal police
28 department or member of the department acting in accordance with
29 official duties shall not be civilly liable for crimes or offenses
30 committed by participants to an Internet sales transaction.

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32 2. a. As used in this section ¹**[,]**¹

33 “Classified advertisement website” means an Internet website
34 that allows individuals to post items for sale or acquisition.

35 “Designated safe area” means an area that the chief law
36 enforcement officer designates on county police department
37 property that shall be used by members of the public to execute an
38 Internet sales transaction.

39 “Internet sales transaction” means an in-person exchange of an
40 item that was offered for sale on a classified advertisement website
41 and in which the parties to the exchange agree to meet at a
42 designated safe area.

43 b. The chief law enforcement officer of each county police
44 department may establish a designated safe area which may be used
45 by members of the public to conduct Internet sales transactions.

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:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted May 18, 2017.

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2 department may install a video camera capable of recording a clear
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4 available to the public.

5 c. A county police department or member of the department
6 shall not be responsible for regulating Internet sales transactions
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8 or member of the department acting in accordance with official
9 duties shall not be civilly liable for crimes or offenses committed by
10 participants to an Internet sales transaction.

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12 3. The Office of the Attorney General in the Department of
13 Law and Public Safety shall notify the chief law enforcement
14 officer of each municipal and county police department that the
15 department is permitted to establish a designated safe area pursuant
16 to sections 1 and 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill).

18 In addition, the Attorney General shall conduct a public
19 awareness campaign, utilizing the Internet and any other available
20 resources, to inform the general public about the designated safe
21 areas established on police department property throughout the
22 State. The public awareness campaign shall include, but not be
23 limited to, an updated list of police departments that have
24 established designated safe areas and safety tips to decrease the risk
25 of crime when engaging in Internet sales transactions.

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27 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
28 next following enactment.