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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits first responders from disseminating photographs of accident victims and patients to public without consent of victim or patient.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning first responders and supplementing Title 2C of
2 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. Any first responder who takes one or more photographs or
8 electronic images or makes a video recording of an accident victim
9 or other person receiving emergency medical services and
10 distributes, disseminates, or otherwise makes available through any
11 means such photographs, images, or video recording to members of
12 the public without the prior written consent of the accident victim
13 or person receiving emergency medical services, or the victim's or
14 person's next-of-kin if the victim or person cannot provide consent,
15 is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

16 As used in this act, "first responder" means a law enforcement
17 officer, paid or volunteer firefighter, or other paid or volunteer
18 person who has been trained to provide emergency medical first
19 response services in a program recognized by the Commissioner of
20 Health and Senior Services.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 The purpose of this bill is to ensure the privacy of accident
28 victims and other persons receiving emergency medical services
29 from first responders.

30 This bill provides that any first responder who takes one or more
31 photographs or electronic images or makes a video recording of an
32 accident victim or other person receiving emergency medical
33 services and distributes, disseminates, or otherwise makes available
34 through any means such photographs, images, or video recording to
35 members of the public without the prior written consent of the
36 accident victim or person receiving emergency medical services, or
37 the victim's or person's next-of-kin if the victim or person cannot
38 provide consent, is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. A fourth
39 degree crime is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, or a term of
40 imprisonment of up to 18 months, or both.

41 The bill defines "first responder" to mean a law enforcement
42 officer, paid or volunteer firefighter, or other paid or volunteer
43 person who has been trained to provide emergency medical first
44 response services in a program recognized by the Commissioner of
45 Health and Senior Services.