

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2288**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2288.

Assembly Bill No. 2288 establishes the crime of entering into restricted airport property in violation of federal security requirements. The bill sets forth two restricted areas on public airports. The first area, a “sterile passenger holding area,” is defined as any portion of a public airport designated by appropriate signs as an area into which access is conditioned upon the prior inspection of persons and property. The second area, an “operational area,” is defined as any portion of a public airport, from which access by the public is prohibited by fences or appropriate signs. The provisions of the bill list specific areas that would include an operational area.

The bill provides that any person who knowingly trespasses in these areas in violation of federal security requirements is guilty of a fourth degree crime. A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000; imprisonment for a term of up to 18 months; or both.