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SYNOPSIS

Requires firearms purchaser identification card, permit to purchase handgun, or permit to carry handgun for use of firearm at firing range.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning firearms and supplementing Title 2C of the
2 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. The legal owner of a handgun, rifle, or shotgun may use the
8 handgun, rifle, or shotgun at a firing range operated by a licensed
9 dealer, by a law enforcement agency, a legally recognized military
10 organization, or a rifle or pistol club which has filed a copy of its
11 charter with the superintendent and annually submits to the
12 superintendent a list of its members for the sole purpose of target
13 practice, trap or skeet shooting, or competition if the person holds
14 and exhibits to the owner or operator of the firing range a firearms
15 purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun, or a
16 permit to carry a handgun. The person shall also provide proof of
17 identity in the form of a valid driver's license or other government-
18 issued form of photo identification.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires a person to have a firearms purchaser
26 identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun, or a permit to
27 carry a handgun in order to use a firearm at a firing range.

28 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, the legal owner of
29 a handgun, rifle, or shotgun may use the firearm at a firing range for
30 the purpose of target practice, trap or skeet shooting, or competition
31 if the person has and exhibits to the owner or operator of the firing
32 range a firearms purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase
33 a handgun, or a permit to carry a handgun.

34 In addition, the person is required to provide proof of his or her
35 identity in the form of a valid driver's license or other government-
36 issued form of photo identification.

37 According to the sponsor, the intent of this bill is to ensure the
38 safety of patrons and personnel at firing ranges. As current law
39 does not require an owner of a firearm to be supervised while using
40 the firearm at a firing range, unlike a person who rents or borrows a
41 firearm at a firing range, it is necessary to ensure that the person has
42 undergone a background check prior to using the firearm at the
43 firing range by requiring the person to have and exhibit a firearms
44 purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun, or a
45 permit to carry a handgun.