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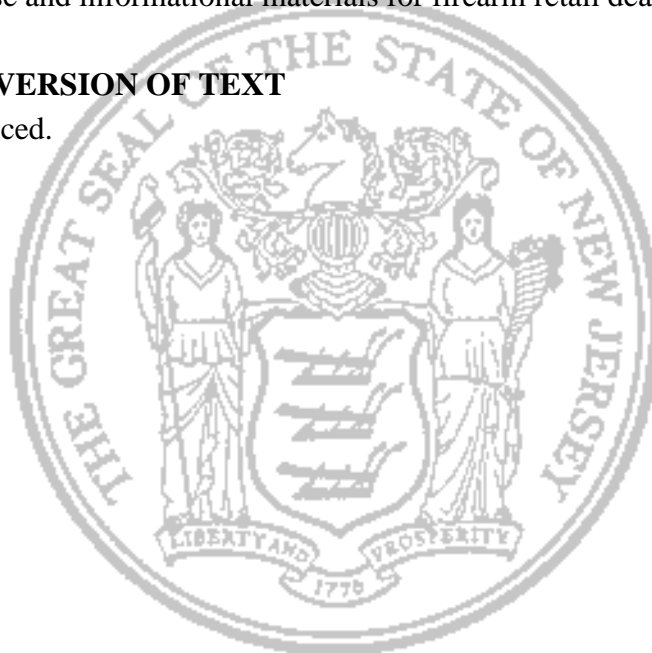
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Assemblywoman McKnight and Senator Gopal**

SYNOPSIS

Requires AG and Commissioner of Health to establish suicide prevention training course and informational materials for firearm retail dealers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2019)

1 AN ACT concerning firearms and suicide prevention and
2 supplementing 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. The Attorney General, in consultation with the
8 Commissioner of Health, shall establish a suicide prevention course
9 curriculum and suicide prevention informational materials for
10 firearm retail dealers who sell firearms or operate a firing range in
11 this State.

12 b. The Attorney General shall notify firearm retail dealers of
13 the course curriculum established pursuant to subsection a. of this
14 section and encourage their participation in a training course. The
15 training course shall be made available by the Department of Law
16 and Public Safety in a classroom setting or on an Internet website.
17 The training course shall include:

18 (1) methods to recognize signs of suicidal tendencies or
19 characteristics in firearm purchasers or renters;

20 (2) suicide intervention strategies to reduce the incidence of
21 attempted and completed suicides among persons purchasing or
22 renting a firearm; and

23 (3) information regarding available community services and
24 counseling programs developed to prevent suicide.

25 c. The Attorney General shall distribute the suicide prevention
26 informational materials established pursuant to subsection a. of this
27 section to each firearm retail dealer who sells firearms or operates a
28 firing range in this State. The informational materials shall advise
29 customers on methods to prevent firearms from being accessible to
30 a friend or family member in crisis. A firearm retail dealer who
31 sells firearms or operates a firing range shall make available the
32 informational materials at each retail purchase counter.

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34 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
35 month next following enactment, except the Attorney General and
36 Commissioner of Health may take any anticipatory administrative
37 action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the
38 implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the
44 Commissioner of Health, to establish a suicide prevention course
45 curriculum and suicide prevention informational materials for
46 firearm retail dealers who sell firearms or operate a firing range in
47 this State. Under the bill, the Attorney General is required to notify
48 firearm retail dealers of the course curriculum and encourage their

1 participation in a training course. The training course would be
2 made available by the Department of Law and Public Safety in a
3 classroom setting or on an Internet website. The course would
4 include information on methods to recognize signs of suicidal
5 tendencies or characteristics in firearm purchasers or renters,
6 suicide intervention strategies to reduce the incidence of attempted
7 and completed suicides among customers, and information
8 regarding available community services and counseling programs
9 developed to prevent suicide.

10 In addition, the bill requires the Attorney General to distribute
11 the suicide prevention materials to each firearm retail dealer who
12 sells firearms or operates a firing range. The informational
13 materials would advise customers on methods to prevent firearms
14 from being accessible to a friend or family member in crisis. A
15 firearm retail dealer who sells firearms or operates a firing range
16 would be required to make the informational materials available at
17 each retail purchase counter.