AN ACT concerning firearms and amending N.J.S.2C:39-1\textsuperscript{1}, N.J.S.2C:39-3, and N.J.S.2C:39-12\textsuperscript{1} and supplementing chapter 39 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

\textsuperscript{1}1. N.J.S.2C:39-1 is amended to read as follows:

2C:39-1. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this chapter and to chapter 58:

a. "Antique firearm" means any rifle or shotgun and "antique cannon" means a destructive device defined in paragraph (3) of subsection c. of this section, if the rifle, shotgun or destructive device, as the case may be, is incapable of being fired or discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition, regardless of date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is possessed as a curiosit or ornament or for its historical significance or value.

b. "Deface" means to remove, deface, cover, alter or destroy the name of the maker, model designation, manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing identification mark or number on any firearm.

c. "Destructive device" means any device, instrument or object designed to explode or produce uncontrolled combustion, including (1) any explosive or incendiary bomb, mine or grenade; (2) any rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces or any missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter of an ounce; (3) any weapon capable of firing a projectile of a caliber greater than 60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes; (4) any Molotov cocktail or other device consisting of a breakable container containing flammable liquid and having a wick or similar device capable of being ignited. The term does not include any device manufactured for the purpose of illumination, distress signaling, line-throwing, safety or similar purposes.

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:

\textsuperscript{1}Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 22, 2018.
\textsuperscript{2}Senate SLP committee amendments adopted April 16, 2018.
\textsuperscript{3}Senate SBA committee amendments adopted May 21, 2018.
d. "Dispose of" means to give, give away, lease, loan, keep for sale, offer, offer for sale, sell, transfer, or otherwise transfer possession.

e. "Explosive" means any chemical compound or mixture that is commonly used or is possessed for the purpose of producing an explosion and which contains any oxidizing and combustible materials or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion or by detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects. The term shall not include small arms ammunition, or explosives in the form prescribed by the official United States Pharmacopoeia.

f. "Firearm" means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device or instrument in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any solid projectable ball, slug, pellet, missile or bullet, or any gas, vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive substances. It shall also include, without limitation, any firearm which is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with sufficient force to injure a person.

g. "Firearm silencer" means any instrument, attachment, weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle the noise of the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm.

h. "Gravity knife" means any knife which has a blade which is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force.

i. "Machine gun" means any firearm, mechanism or instrument not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a reservoir, belt or other means of storing and carrying ammunition which can be loaded into the firearm, mechanism or instrument and fired therefrom.

j. "Manufacturer" means any person who receives or obtains raw materials or parts and processes them into firearms or finished parts of firearms, except a person who exclusively processes grips, stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms. The term does not include a person who repairs existing firearms or receives new and used raw materials or parts solely for the repair of existing firearms.

k. "Handgun" means any pistol, revolver or other firearm originally designed or manufactured to be fired by the use of a single hand.
1. "Retail dealer" means any person including a gunsmith, except a manufacturer or a wholesale dealer, who sells, transfers or assigns for a fee or profit any firearm or parts of firearms or ammunition which he has purchased or obtained with the intention, or for the purpose, of reselling or reassigning to persons who are reasonably understood to be the ultimate consumers, and includes any person who is engaged in the business of repairing firearms or who sells any firearm to satisfy a debt secured by the pledge of a firearm.

m. "Rifle" means any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

n. "Shotgun" means any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shots or a single projectile for each pull of the trigger, or any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder which does not fire fixed ammunition.

o. "Sawed-off shotgun" means any shotgun having a barrel or barrels of less than 18 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or any firearm made from a rifle or a shotgun, whether by alteration, or otherwise, if such firearm as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

p. "Switchblade knife" means any knife or similar device which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife.

q. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the State Police.

r. "Weapon" means anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, all (1) firearms, even though not loaded or lacking a clip or other component to render them immediately operable; (2) components which can be readily assembled into a weapon; (3) gravity knives, switchblade knives, daggers, dirks, stilettoes, or other dangerous knives, billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles, sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood; and (4) stun guns; and any weapon or other device which projects, releases, or emits tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.

s. "Wholesale dealer" means any person, except a manufacturer, who sells, transfers, or assigns firearms, or parts of firearms, to persons who are reasonably understood not to be the ultimate consumers, and includes persons who receive finished parts of firearms and assemble them into completed or partially
completed firearms, in furtherance of such purpose, except that it shall not include those persons dealing exclusively in grips, stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms.

t. "Stun gun" means any weapon or other device which emits an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or permanently disable a person.

u. "Ballistic knife" means any weapon or other device capable of lethal use and which can propel a knife blade.

v. "Imitation firearm" means an object or device reasonably capable of being mistaken for a firearm.

w. "Assault firearm" means:

(1) The following firearms:

- Aligmeck AGM1 type
- Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street Sweeper" or "Striker 12"
- Australian Automatic Arms SAR
- Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms
- Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms
- Bushmaster Assault Rifle
- Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900
- CETME G3
- Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type
- Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series
- Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types
- Demro TAC-1 carbine type
- Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types
- FAMAS MAS223 types
- FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic firearms
- Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns
- G3SA type
- Galil type Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5, PSG-1
- Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms
- M1 carbine type
- M14S type
- MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9mm carbine type firearms
- PJK M-68 carbine type
- Plainfield Machine Company Carbine
- Ruger K-Mini-14/5F and Mini-14/5RF
- SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types
- SKS with detachable magazine type
- Spectre Auto carbine type
- Springfield Armory BM59 and SAR-48 type
- Sterling MK-6, MK-7 and SAR types
- Steyr A.U.G. semi-automatic firearms
- USAS 12 semi-automatic type shotgun
- Uzi type semi-automatic firearms
- Valmet M62, M71S, M76, or M78 type semi-automatic firearms
Weaver Arm Nighthawk.

(2) Any firearm manufactured under any designation which is substantially identical to any of the firearms listed above.

(3) A semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock.

(4) A semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding \[15\] 10 rounds. “Assault firearm” shall not include a semi-automatic rifle which has an attached tubular device and which is capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

(5) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person.

x. “Semi-automatic” means a firearm which fires a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger and is self-reloading or automatically chambers a round, cartridge, or bullet.

y. “Large capacity ammunition magazine” means a box, drum, tube or other container which is capable of holding more than \[15\] 10 rounds of ammunition to be fed continuously and directly therefrom into a semi-automatic firearm. The term shall not include an attached tubular device which is capable of holding only .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

z. “Pistol grip” means a well-defined handle, similar to that found on a handgun, that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon, and which permits the shotgun to be held and fired with one hand.

aa. "Antique handgun" means a handgun manufactured before 1898, or a replica thereof, which is recognized as being historical in nature or of historical significance and either (1) utilizes a match, friction, flint, or percussion ignition, or which utilizes a pin-fire cartridge in which the pin is part of the cartridge or (2) does not fire fixed ammunition or for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available.

bb. "Trigger lock" means a commercially available device approved by the Superintendent of State Police which is operated with a key or combination lock that prevents a firearm from being discharged while the device is attached to the firearm. It may include, but need not be limited to, devices that obstruct the barrel or cylinder of the firearm, as well as devices that immobilize the trigger.

cc. "Trigger locking device" means a device that, if installed on a firearm and secured by means of a key or mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated combination lock, prevents the firearm from being discharged without first deactivate or removing the device by means of a key or...
mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated
combination lock.

dd. "Personalized handgun" means a handgun which
incorporates within its design, and as part of its original
manufacture, technology which automatically limits its operational
use and which cannot be readily deactivated, so that it may only be
fired by an authorized or recognized user. The technology limiting
the handgun's operational use may include, but not be limited to:
radio frequency tagging, touch memory, remote control, fingerprint,
magnetic encoding and other automatic user identification systems
utilizing biometric, mechanical or electronic systems. No make or
model of a handgun shall be deemed to be a "personalized handgun"
unless the Attorney General has determined, through testing or
other reasonable means, that the handgun meets any reliability
standards that the manufacturer may require for its commercially
available handguns that are not personalized or, if the manufacturer
has no such reliability standards, the handgun meets the reliability
standards generally used in the industry for commercially available
handguns.

(cf: P.L.2002, c.130, s.5)1

1. N.J.S.2C:39-1 is amended to read as follows:
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device, as the case may be, is incapable of being fired or
discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition, regardless of
date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which
cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is
possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical
significance or value.

b. "Deface" means to remove, deface, cover, alter or destroy
the name of the maker, model designation, manufacturer's serial
number or any other distinguishing identification mark or number
on any firearm.

c. "Destructive device" means any device, instrument or object
designed to explode or produce uncontrolled combustion, including
(1) any explosive or incendiary bomb, mine or grenade; (2) any
rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces or any
missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-
quarter of an ounce; (3) any weapon capable of firing a projectile of
a caliber greater than 60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun
ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes;
(4) any Molotov cocktail or other device consisting of a breakable
container containing flammable liquid and having a wick or similar
device capable of being ignited. The term does not include any
device manufactured for the purpose of illumination, distress
signaling, line-throwing, safety or similar purposes.

d. "Dispose of" means to give, give away, lease, loan, keep for
sale, offer, offer for sale, sell, transfer, or otherwise transfer
possession.

e. "Explosive" means any chemical compound or mixture that
is commonly used or is possessed for the purpose of producing an
explosion and which contains any oxidizing and combustible
materials or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or
packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion or by
detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such
a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant
gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on
contiguous objects. The term shall not include small arms
ammunition, or explosives in the form prescribed by the official
United States Pharmacopoeia.

f. "Firearm" means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun,
automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device or instrument
in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any
solid projectable ball, slug, pellet, missile or bullet, or any gas,
vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by
the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive
substances. It shall also include, without limitation, any firearm
which is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other
weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring,
elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air
or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a
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with sufficient force to injure a person.

g. "Firearm silencer" means any instrument, attachment,
weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver,
pistol or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle
the noise of the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm.

h. "Gravity knife" means any knife which has a blade which is
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the application of centrifugal force.

i. "Machine gun" means any firearm, mechanism or instrument
not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a
reservoir, belt or other means of storing and carrying ammunition
which can be loaded into the firearm, mechanism or instrument and
fired therefrom. A machine gun also shall include, without
limitation, any firearm with a trigger crank attached.

j. "Manufacturer" means any person who receives or obtains
raw materials or parts and processes them into firearms or finished
parts of firearms, except a person who exclusively processes grips,
stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms. The term does not
include a person who repairs existing firearms or receives new and used raw materials or parts solely for the repair of existing firearms.

k. "Handgun" means any pistol, revolver or other firearm originally designed or manufactured to be fired by the use of a single hand.

l. "Retail dealer" means any person including a gunsmith, except a manufacturer or a wholesale dealer, who sells, transfers or assigns for a fee or profit any firearm or parts of firearms or ammunition which he has purchased or obtained with the intention, or for the purpose, of reselling or reassigning to persons who are reasonably understood to be the ultimate consumers, and includes any person who is engaged in the business of repairing firearms or who sells any firearm to satisfy a debt secured by the pledge of a firearm.

m. "Rifle" means any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

n. "Shotgun" means any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shots or a single projectile for each pull of the trigger, or any firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder which does not fire fixed ammunition.

o. "Sawed-off shotgun" means any shotgun having a barrel or barrels of less than 18 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or any firearm made from a rifle or a shotgun, whether by alteration, or otherwise, if such firearm as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

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q. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the State Police.

r. "Weapon" means anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, all (1) firearms, even though not loaded or lacking a clip or other component to render them immediately operable; (2) components which can be readily assembled into a weapon; (3) gravity knives, switchblade knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, or other dangerous knives, billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles, sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood; and (4) stun guns; and any weapon or other device which projects, releases, or emits tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.
s. "Wholesale dealer" means any person, except a manufacturer, who sells, transfers, or assigns firearms, or parts of firearms, to persons who are reasonably understood not to be the ultimate consumers, and includes persons who receive finished parts of firearms and assemble them into completed or partially completed firearms, in furtherance of such purpose, except that it shall not include those persons dealing exclusively in grips, stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms.

t. "Stun gun" means any weapon or other device which emits an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or permanently disable a person.

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w. "Assault firearm" means:

(1) The following firearms:
Algimec AGM1 type
Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street Sweeper" or "Striker 12"
Armalite AR-180 type
Australian Automatic Arms SAR
Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms
Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms
Bushmaster Assault Rifle
Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900 CETME G3
Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type
Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series
Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types
Demro TAC-1 carbine type
Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types
FAMAS MAS223 types
FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic firearms
Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns
G3SA type
Galil type Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5, PSG-1
Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms
M1 carbine type
M14S type
MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9mm carbine type firearms
PJK M-68 carbine type
Plainfield Machine Company Carbine
Ruger K-Mini-14/5F and Mini-14/5RF
SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types
SKS with detachable magazine type
Spectre Auto carbine type
Springfield Armory BM59 and SAR-48 type
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Sterling MK-6, MK-7 and SAR types
Steyr A.U.G. semi-automatic firearms
USAS 12 semi-automatic type shotgun
Uzi type semi-automatic firearms
Valmet M62, M71S, M76, or M78 type semi-automatic firearms
Weaver Arm Nighthawk.

(2) Any firearm manufactured under any designation which is substantially identical to any of the firearms listed above.

(3) A semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock.

(4) A semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding [15] 10 rounds. "Assault firearm" shall not include a semi-automatic rifle which has an attached tubular device and which is capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

(5) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person.

(6) A firearm with a bump stock attached.

x. "Semi-automatic" means a firearm which fires a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger and is self-reloading or automatically chambers a round, cartridge, or bullet.

y. "Large capacity ammunition magazine" means a box, drum, tube or other container which is capable of holding more than [15] 10 rounds of ammunition to be fed continuously and directly therefrom into a semi-automatic firearm. The term shall not include an attached tubular device which is capable of holding only .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

z. "Pistol grip" means a well-defined handle, similar to that found on a handgun, that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon, and which permits the shotgun to be held and fired with one hand.

aa. "Antique handgun" means a handgun manufactured before 1898, or a replica thereof, which is recognized as being historical in nature or of historical significance and either (1) utilizes a match, friction, flint, or percussion ignition, or which utilizes a pin-fire cartridge in which the pin is part of the cartridge or (2) does not fire fixed ammunition or for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available.

bb. "Trigger lock" means a commercially available device approved by the Superintendent of State Police which is operated with a key or combination lock that prevents a firearm from being discharged while the device is attached to the firearm. It may include, but need not be limited to, devices that obstruct the barrel or cylinder of the firearm, as well as devices that immobilize the trigger.
cc. "Trigger locking device" means a device that, if installed on a firearm and secured by means of a key or mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated combination lock, prevents the firearm from being discharged without first deactivating or removing the device by means of a key or mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated combination lock.

dd. "Personalized handgun" means a handgun which incorporates within its design, and as part of its original manufacture, technology which automatically limits its operational use and which cannot be readily deactivated, so that it may only be fired by an authorized or recognized user. The technology limiting the handgun's operational use may include, but not be limited to: radio frequency tagging, touch memory, remote control, fingerprint, magnetic encoding and other automatic user identification systems utilizing biometric, mechanical or electronic systems. No make or model of a handgun shall be deemed to be a "personalized handgun" unless the Attorney General has determined, through testing or other reasonable means, that the handgun meets any reliability standards that the manufacturer may require for its commercially available handguns that are not personalized or, if the manufacturer has no such reliability standards, the handgun meets the reliability standards generally used in the industry for commercially available handguns.

ee. "Bump stock" means any device or instrument for a firearm that increases the rate of fire achievable with the firearm by using energy from the recoil of the firearm to generate a reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation of the trigger.

ff. "Trigger crank" means any device or instrument to be attached to a firearm that repeatedly activates the trigger of the firearm through the use of a lever or other part that is turned in a circular motion; provided, however, the term shall not include any weapon initially designed and manufactured to fire through the use of a crank or lever.¹

¹2. N.J.S.2C:39-3 is amended to read as follows:


a. Destructive devices. Any person who knowingly has in his possession any destructive device is guilty of a crime of the third degree.

b. Sawed-off shotguns. Any person who knowingly has in his possession any sawed-off shotgun is guilty of a crime of the third degree.

c. Silencers. Any person who knowingly has in his possession any firearm silencer is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.
d. Defaced firearms. Any person who knowingly has in his
possession any firearm which has been defaced, except an antique
firearm or an antique handgun, is guilty of a crime of the fourth
degree.

e. Certain weapons. Any person who knowingly has in his
possession any gravity knife, switchblade knife, dagger, dirk,
stiletto, billy, blackjack, metal knuckle, sandclub, slingshot, cestus
or similar leather band studded with metal filings or razor blades
imbeded in wood, ballistic knife, without any explainable lawful
purpose, is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

f. Dum-dum or body armor penetrating bullets. (1) Any
person, other than a law enforcement officer or persons engaged in
activities pursuant to subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-6, who
knowingly has in his possession any hollow nose or dum-dum
bullet, or (2) any person, other than a collector of firearms or
ammunition as curios or relics as defined in Title 18, United States
Code, section 921 (a) (13) and has in his possession a valid
Collector of Curios and Relics License issued by the Bureau of
Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, who knowingly has in his
possession any body armor breaching or penetrating ammunition,
which means: (a) ammunition primarily designed for use in a
handgun, and (b) which is comprised of a bullet whose core or
jacket, if the jacket is thicker than.025 of an inch, is made of
tungsten carbide, or hard bronze, or other material which is harder
than a rating of 72 or greater on the Rockwell B. Hardness Scale,
and (c) is therefore capable of breaching or penetrating body armor,
is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. For purposes of this
section, a collector may possess not more than three examples of
each distinctive variation of the ammunition described above. A
distinctive variation includes a different head stamp, composition,
design, or color.

g. Exceptions. (1) Nothing in subsection a., b., c., d., e., f., j.
or k. of this section shall apply to any member of the Armed Forces
of the United States or the National Guard, or except as otherwise
provided, to any law enforcement officer while actually on duty or
traveling to or from an authorized place of duty, provided that his
possession of the prohibited weapon or device has been duly
authorized under the applicable laws, regulations or military or law
enforcement orders.

Nothing in subsection h. of this section shall apply to any law
enforcement officer who is exempted from the provisions of that
subsection by the Attorney General. Nothing in this section shall
apply to the possession of any weapon or device by a law
enforcement officer who has confiscated, seized or otherwise taken
possession of said weapon or device as evidence of the commission
of a crime or because he believed it to be possessed illegally by the
person from whom it was taken, provided that said law enforcement
officer promptly notifies his superiors of his possession of such prohibited weapon or device.

(2) a. Nothing in subsection f. (1) shall be construed to prevent a person from keeping such ammunition at his dwelling, premises or other land owned or possessed by him, or from carrying such ammunition from the place of purchase to said dwelling or land, nor shall subsection f. (1) be construed to prevent any licensed retail or wholesale firearms dealer from possessing such ammunition at its licensed premises, provided that the seller of any such ammunition shall maintain a record of the name, age and place of residence of any purchaser who is not a licensed dealer, together with the date of sale and quantity of ammunition sold.

b. Nothing in subsection f.(1) shall be construed to prevent a designated employee or designated licensed agent for a nuclear power plant under the license of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from possessing hollow nose ammunition while in the actual performance of his official duties, if the federal licensee certifies that the designated employee or designated licensed agent is assigned to perform site protection, guard, armed response or armed escort duties and is appropriately trained and qualified, as prescribed by federal regulation, to perform those duties.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) of subsection f. or in subsection j. shall be construed to prevent any licensed retail or wholesale firearms dealer from possessing that ammunition or large capacity ammunition magazine at its licensed premises for sale or disposition to another licensed dealer, the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard, or to a law enforcement agency, provided that the seller maintains a record of any sale or disposition to a law enforcement agency. The record shall include the name of the purchasing agency, together with written authorization of the chief of police or highest ranking official of the agency, the name and rank of the purchasing law enforcement officer, if applicable, and the date, time and amount of ammunition sold or otherwise disposed. A copy of this record shall be forwarded by the seller to the Superintendent of the Division of State Police within 48 hours of the sale or disposition.

(4) Nothing in subsection a. of this section shall be construed to apply to antique cannons as exempted in subsection d. of N.J.S.2C:39-6.

(5) Nothing in subsection c. of this section shall be construed to apply to any person who is specifically identified in a special deer management permit issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to utilize a firearm silencer as part of an alternative deer control method implemented in accordance with a special deer management permit issued pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2000, c.46 (C.23:4-42.6), while the person is in the actual performance of the permitted alternative deer control method and while going to and from the place where the permitted alternative deer control method is being
utilized. This exception shall not, however, otherwise apply to any
person to authorize the purchase or possession of a firearm silencer.

h. Stun guns. Any person who knowingly has in his possession
any stun gun is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.
i. Nothing in subsection e. of this section shall be construed to
prevent any guard in the employ of a private security company, who
is licensed to carry a firearm, from the possession of a nightstick
when in the actual performance of his official duties, provided that
he has satisfactorily completed a training course approved by the
Police Training Commission in the use of a nightstick.
j. Any person who knowingly has in his possession a large
capacity ammunition magazine is guilty of a crime of the fourth
degree unless the person has registered:

(1) an assault firearm pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1990, c.32
(C.2C:58-12) and the magazine is maintained and used in
connection with participation in competitive shooting matches
sanctioned by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship of the United
States Department of the Army [1] ; or

(2) a firearm with a fixed magazine capacity [2] or detachable
magazine[3] capable of holding up to 15 rounds pursuant to section 7
of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this
bill).
k. Handcuffs. Any person who knowingly has in his
possession handcuffs as defined in P.L.1991, c.437 (C.2C:39
-9.2), under circumstances not manifestly appropriate for such lawful uses
as handcuffs may have, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense. A
law enforcement officer shall confiscate handcuffs possessed in
violation of the law.
l. Bump stock or trigger crank. Any person who knowingly
possesses a bump stock as defined in subsection ee. of N.J.S.2C:39-
1 or a trigger crank as defined in subsection ff. of N.J.S.2C:39-1,
regardless of whether the person is in possession of a firearm, is
guilty of a crime of the third degree.

Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:1-8 or any other
provision of law, a conviction arising out of this subsection shall
not merge with a conviction for possessing an assault firearm in
violation of subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-5 or a machine gun in
violation of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:39-5 and a separate sentence
shall be imposed upon each conviction. Notwithstanding the
provisions of N.J.S.2C:44-5 or any other provisions of law, the
sentence imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be served
consecutively to that imposed for unlawfully possessing an assault
firearm in violation of subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-5.[4]
(cf: P.L.2017, c.323, s.2)

[2] [3] [4] (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of
subsection j. of N.J.S.2C:39-3, a retired law enforcement officer
who is authorized to possess and carry a handgun pursuant to subsection 1. of N.J.S.2C:39-6 may possess and carry a large capacity ammunition magazine which is capable of holding up to 15 rounds of ammunition that can be fed continuously and directly into a semi-automatic handgun.

13. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:39-6, a law enforcement officer may possess and carry while on duty a large capacity ammunition magazine and possess and carry while off duty a large capacity ammunition magazine which is capable of holding up to 15 rounds of ammunition that can be fed continuously and directly into a semi-automatic firearm.¹

4. (New section) The provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall not apply to the possession of a large capacity ammunition magazine solely used as a prop for a motion picture, television, or video production, provided the large capacity ammunition magazine has been reconfigured to fire blank ammunition and remains under the control of a federal firearms license holder.¹

Any person who legally owns a semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding 10 rounds or a large capacity ammunition magazine as defined under subsection y. of N.J.S.2C:39-1 which is capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) may retain possession of that rifle or magazine for a period not to exceed 180 days from after the effective date of this act. During this time period, the owner of the semi-automatic rifle or magazine shall:

a. Transfer the semi-automatic rifle or magazine to any person or firm lawfully entitled to own or possess that firearm or magazine;

b. Render the semi-automatic rifle or magazine inoperable or permanently modify a large capacity ammunition magazine to accept 10 rounds or less¹; or

c. Voluntarily surrender the semi-automatic rifle or magazine pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.2C:39-12.

N.J.S.2C:39-12 is amended to read as follows:

² 2C:39-12. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this chapter for possessing any firearms, weapons, destructive devices, large capacity ammunition magazines, silencers or explosives, if after giving written notice of his intention to do so, including the
proposed date and time of surrender, he voluntarily surrendered the
weapon, device, instrument or substance in question to the
superintendent or to the chief of police in the municipality in which
he resides, provided that the required notice is received by the
superintendent or chief of police before any charges have been
made or complaints filed against such person for the unlawful
possession of the weapon, device, instrument or substance in
question and before any investigation has been commenced by any
law enforcement agency concerning the unlawful possession.
Nothing in this section shall be construed as granting immunity
from prosecution for any crime or offense except that of the
unlawful possession of such weapons, devices, instruments or
substances surrendered as herein provided.
(cf: N.J.S.2C:39-12)

7. (New section) a. A person who legally owns a firearm
with a fixed magazine capacity holding up to 15 rounds which is
incapable of being modified to accommodate 10 or less rounds and
was purchased on or as set forth in paragraph (1) or (2) of this
subsection prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall register that
firearm within one year from the effective date: 
(1) a firearm with a fixed magazine capacity holding up to 15
rounds which is incapable of being modified to accommodate 10 or
less rounds; or
(2) a firearm which only accepts a detachable magazine with a
capacity of up to 15 rounds which is incapable of being modified to
accommodate 10 or less rounds.
In order to register the firearm pursuant to subsection a. of
this section, the owner shall:
(1) complete a registration statement, in the form to be
prescribed by the Superintendent of the State Police; and
(2) pay a registration fee of $50 per firearm; and
(3) produce for inspection a valid firearms purchaser
identification card, permit to carry a handgun, or permit to purchase
a handgun.
The information provided in the registration
statement established pursuant to subsection of this section
shall include, but shall not be limited to: the name and address of
the registrant; the number or numbers on the registrant's firearms
purchaser identification card, permit to carry a handgun, or permit
to purchase a handgun; and the make, model, and serial number of
the firearm being registered. Each registration statement shall be
signed by the registrant, and the signature shall constitute a
representation of the accuracy of the information contained in the
registration statement.
An applicant shall register the firearm in the law
enforcement agency of the municipality in which the applicant
resides or, if the municipality does not have a municipal law
enforcement agency, any State Police station.

Within 60 days of the effective date of P.L. , the
superintendent shall prepare the form of registration statement as
described in subsection of this section and shall provide a
suitable supply of statements to each organized full-time municipal
police department and each State Police station.

One copy of the completed registration statement shall
be returned to the registrant, a second copy shall be sent to the
superintendent, and, if the registration takes
place at a municipal police department, a third copy shall be
retained by that municipal police department.

The heir or estate of an owner of a firearm which has
been registered pursuant to this section shall within 90 days after
the owner’s death dispose of that firearm in accordance with section
of P.L. (pending before the Legislature as
this bill)

This act shall take effect immediately.

Reduces maximum capacity of ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.