

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3149**

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**SYNOPSIS**

“Timothy J. Piazza’s Law”, upgrades hazing; clarifies that prohibited conduct includes causing, coercing or forcing consumption of alcohol or drugs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning hazing and designated as Timothy J. Piazza's  
2 law, and amending P.L. 1980, c.169.

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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. Section 1 of P.L. 1980, c. 169 (C.2C:40-3) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. Hazing. a. A person is guilty of hazing, a **disorderly**  
10 **persons offense** crime of the fourth degree, if, in connection with  
11 initiation of applicants to or members of a student or fraternal  
12 organization, he knowingly or recklessly organizes, promotes,  
13 facilitates or engages in any conduct, including, but not limited to  
14 causing, coercing or forcing the consumption of alcohol or drugs,  
15 other than competitive athletic events, which places or may place  
16 another person in danger of bodily injury.

17 b. A person is guilty of aggravated hazing, a crime of the  
18 **fourth** third degree, if he commits an act prohibited in subsection  
19 a. which results in serious bodily injury to another person.  
20 (cf: P.L.1980, c.169, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 Currently, a person commits the disorderly persons offense of  
28 hazing if, in connection with initiation of applicants to or members  
29 of a student or fraternal organization, he knowingly or recklessly  
30 organizes, promotes, facilitates or engages in any conduct, other  
31 than competitive athletic events, which places or may place another  
32 person in danger of bodily injury. A person is guilty of aggravated  
33 hazing, a crime of the fourth degree, if serious bodily injury results.  
34 This bill increases hazing to a crime of the fourth degree and  
35 aggravated hazing to a crime of the third degree. The bill further  
36 clarifies that prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to,  
37 causing, coercing or forcing the consumption of alcohol or drugs.

**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.