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**SYNOPSIS**

Criminalizes distribution of childlike sex dolls.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain prohibited acts and supplementing  
2 chapter 24 of 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. As used in this section:

8 “Childlike sex doll” means an anatomically-correct doll,  
9 mannequin, or robot with the features of, or with features that  
10 resemble those of, a child, intended for use in sexual acts, which  
11 emits sensuality with sufficient impact to concentrate prurient  
12 interest on a child.

13 “Distribute” means to sell, or to manufacture, give, provide,  
14 lend, trade, mail, deliver, publish, circulate, disseminate, present,  
15 exhibit, display, share, advertise, offer, or make available via the  
16 Internet or by any other means, whether for pecuniary gain or not.  
17 The term also includes an agreement or attempt to distribute.

18 b. A person who knowingly possesses a childlike sex doll is  
19 guilty of a crime of the third degree.

20 c. (1) A person who knowingly distributes a childlike sex  
21 doll is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

22 (2) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under  
23 this subsection is guilty of a crime of the first degree. For the  
24 purposes of this paragraph, an offense is considered a second or  
25 subsequent offense if the actor has at any time been convicted  
26 pursuant to this subsection, or under any similar statute of the  
27 United States or any other state.

28 d. A person who commits a violation of this section using a  
29 childlike sex doll that has been customized to resemble a specific,  
30 identifiable child is guilty of a crime of the first degree.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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37 This bill criminalizes the possession and distribution of childlike  
38 sex dolls. The bill defines “childlike sex doll” as “an anatomically-  
39 correct doll, mannequin, or robot with the features of, or with  
40 features that resemble those of, a child, intended for use in sexual  
41 acts, which emits sensuality with sufficient impact to concentrate  
42 prurient interest on a child.”

43 The bill provides that a person who knowingly possesses a  
44 childlike sex doll would be guilty of a crime of the third degree. A  
45 crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment  
46 of three to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

1 Under the bill, it would be a crime of the second degree to  
2 knowingly distribute a childlike sex doll. The bill's definition of  
3 "distribute" is identical to that in N.J.S.2C:24-4, the child  
4 pornography statute: "to sell, or to manufacture, give, provide, lend,  
5 trade, mail, deliver, publish, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit,  
6 display, share, advertise, offer, or make available via the Internet or  
7 by any other means, whether for pecuniary gain or not. The term  
8 also includes an agreement or attempt to distribute." A crime of the  
9 second degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment of five to 10  
10 years, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.

11 The bill provides that a person convicted of a second or  
12 subsequent offense of distribution would be guilty of a crime of the  
13 first degree.

14 An offense would be considered a second or subsequent offense if  
15 the person has at any time been convicted under the bill, or under  
16 any similar statute of the United States or any other state. A crime  
17 of the first degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment of 10 to  
18 20 years or a fine of up to \$200,000 or both.

19 The bill also provides that a person would be guilty of a crime of  
20 the first degree if he commits an offense using a childlike sex doll  
21 that has been customized to resemble a specific, identifiable child.