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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

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



S84 BATEMAN, GREENSTEIN

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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 read
8 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. Any such hazing act is upgraded
33 to aggravated hazing, a crime of the fourth degree, if serious bodily
34 injury results.

35 This bill increases disorderly persons hazing to a crime of the
36 fourth degree and aggravated hazing to a crime of the third degree.
37 A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a term of
38 imprisonment of up to 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.
39 A crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment
40 of three to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

41 Additionally, the bill clarifies that prohibited hazing conduct
42 includes, but is not limited to, causing, coercing or forcing the
43 consumption of alcohol or drugs.

44 "Timothy J. Piazza's Law", upgrades hazing; clarifies that
45 prohibited conduct includes causing, coercing or forcing
46 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.