

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2503

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2020

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2503.

As reported by the committee, this bill upgrades strangulation assault to a second degree crime.

Under current law, strangulation is a third degree crime, punishable by up to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. This bill elevates strangulation, committed in the domestic violence context against a victim of domestic violence, to a second degree crime, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.