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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 doll is
21 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.

47 Under the bill, it would be a crime of the second degree to
48 knowingly distribute a childlike sex doll. The bill’s definition of

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

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

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

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