

ASSEMBLY, No. 140

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblymen JONES and Steele

1 AN ACT concerning certain false emergency calls and amending
2 N.J.S.2C:33-3.

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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. N.J.S.2C:33-3 is amended to read as follows:

8 2C:33-3. False Public Alarms. a. Except as provided in subsection
9 b. or c., a person is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if he initiates
10 or circulates a report or warning of an impending fire, explosion,
11 bombing, crime, catastrophe or emergency knowing that the report or
12 warning is false or baseless and that it is likely to cause evacuation of
13 a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transport, or to
14 cause public inconveniences or alarm. A person is guilty of a crime of
15 the fourth degree if he knowingly causes such false alarm to be
16 transmitted to or within any organization, official or volunteer, for
17 dealing with emergencies involving danger to life or property.

18 b. A person is guilty of a crime of the third degree if in addition to
19 the report or warning initiated, circulated or transmitted under
20 subsection a., he places or causes to be placed any false or facsimile
21 bomb in a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transport or
22 in a place likely to cause public inconvenience or alarm.

23 c. A person is guilty of a crime of the third degree if a violation of
24 subsection a. of this section in fact results in serious bodily injury to
25 another person. A person is guilty of a crime of the second degree if
26 a violation of subsection a. of this section in fact results in death.

27 d. For the purposes of this section, "in fact" means that strict
28 liability is imposed.

29 e. A person is guilty of a disorderly persons offense if the person
30 knowingly places a call to a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system
31 without purpose of reporting the need for 9-1-1 service.

32 (cf: P.L.1994, c.115, s.1)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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3 Criminalizes placement of false calls to 9-1-1 system as a disorderly
4 persons offense.