

ASSEMBLY, No. 1396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman KELLY

1 AN ACT requiring all persons arrested in New Jersey to be palm
2 printed and amending R.S.53:1-15.

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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. R.S. 53:1-15 is amended to read as follows:

8 53:1-15. The sheriffs, chiefs of police, members of the State Police
9 and any other law enforcement agencies and officers shall, immediately
10 upon the arrest of any person for an indictable offense, or of any
11 person believed to be wanted for an indictable offense, or believed to
12 be an habitual criminal, or within a reasonable time after the filing of
13 a complaint by a law enforcement officer charging any person with an
14 indictable offense, or upon the arrest of any person for shoplifting,
15 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:20-11, or the conviction of any other person
16 charged with a nonindictable offense, where the identity of the person
17 charged is in question, take the fingerprints of such person, according
18 to the fingerprint system of identification established by the
19 Superintendent of State Police and on the forms prescribed, and
20 forward without delay two copies or more of the same, together with
21 photographs and such other descriptions as may be required and with
22 a history of the offense committed, to the State Bureau of
23 Identification.

24 The sheriffs, chiefs of police, members of the State Police and any
25 other law enforcement agencies and officers shall also, immediately
26 upon the arrest of any person for an indictable offense or otherwise,
27 take the palm prints of such person. Such palm print records shall be
28 maintained in the sheriffs' offices with their fingerprint files.

29 Such sheriffs, chiefs of police, members of the State Police and any
30 other law enforcement agencies and officers shall also take the
31 fingerprints, descriptions and such other information as may be
32 required of unknown dead persons and as required by section 2 of
33 P.L.1982, c.79 (C.2A:4A-61) of juveniles adjudicated delinquent and
34 shall forward same to the State Bureau of Identification.

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.

1 Any person charged in a complaint filed by a law enforcement
2 officer with an indictable offense, who has not been arrested, or any
3 person charged in an indictment, who has not been arrested, shall
4 submit himself to the identification procedures provided herein either
5 on the date of any court appearance or upon written request of the
6 appropriate law enforcement agency within a reasonable time after the
7 filing of the complaint. Any person who refuses to submit to such
8 identification procedures shall be a disorderly person.
9 (cf: P.L.1994, c.56, s.4)

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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14 STATEMENT
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16 This bill would require all persons arrested in New Jersey to be
17 palm printed. All sheriffs' offices would be required to keep such
18 palm print records with their fingerprint files. These requirements
19 would be the first step to the incorporation of such records into an
20 expanded Automated Fingerprint Identification System, which would
21 facilitate the detection of criminals both statewide and nationwide.
22 Given that palm printing would simply be added to the current arrest
23 process involving fingerprinting, the additional time and funds
24 expended would be minimal.
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29 Requires persons arrested in New Jersey to be palm printed.