

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 55, *approved April 1, 1997*  
Senate, No. 1484 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain youthful offenders and amending  
2 P.L.1995, c.330.

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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 3 of P.L.1995, c.330 (C.52:17B-183) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 3. As used in this act:

10 a. "Commission" means the Juvenile Justice Commission in, but not  
11 of, the Department of Law and Public Safety established pursuant to  
12 P.L.1995, c.284 (C.52:17B-169 et seq.).

13 b. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of  
14 Corrections.

15 c. "Juvenile offender" means a person at least 14 years old at the  
16 time of disposition who has been adjudicated delinquent for an act  
17 which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime, excluding  
18 an adjudication for any act which would constitute a crime of the first  
19 degree or a crime under chapter 14 of Title 2C of the New Jersey  
20 Statutes.

21 d. "Youthful offender" means a person between 18 and <sup>1</sup>[26] 30<sup>1</sup>  
22 years of age who has been convicted of a crime [of the third or fourth  
23 degree or convicted of a crime of the second degree but sentenced  
24 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:44-1 to a term  
25 appropriate to a crime of the third degree], excluding any person  
26 convicted of:

27 (1) a crime of the first degree;

28 (2) a crime under chapter 14 of Title 2C of the New Jersey  
29 Statutes;

30 (3) [or convicted of any] a crime which requires the imposition of  
31 a mandatory term of imprisonment without eligibility for parole, unless

**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.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SLP committee amendments adopted November 7, 1996.

1 the person has less than one year of the mandatory portion of the  
2 sentence remaining; or

3 (4) a crime of the second degree under any of the following:  
4 N.J.S.2C:11-4, N.J.S.2C:12-1, N.J.S.2C:13-1, N.J.S.2C:15-1,  
5 N.J.S.2C:18-2 or N.J.S.2C:39-4 for possession of a weapon with the  
6 purpose of using it unlawfully against the person of another.  
7 (cf: P.L.1995, c.330, s.3)

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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14 Broadens the pool of youthful offenders eligible for participation in the  
15 "Stabilization and Reintegration Program."