

SENATE, No. 746

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator RICE

1 AN ACT concerning the sale of ammunition and supplementing chapter
2 58 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. Every retail dealer shall keep a register in which shall be
8 recorded the sale of all ammunition. At the time of the sale, the dealer
9 shall enter into the register the date; the purchaser's name, permanent
10 address, age and date of birth; the quantity, caliber or gauge, as
11 appropriate, and trade name of the ammunition purchased; and any
12 other information the superintendent may deem appropriate. The
13 dealer also shall note in the register whether the purchaser verified his
14 identity by displaying a valid driver's license; an identification card
15 issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to P.L.1980, c.47
16 (C.39:3-29.2 et seq.); a firearms purchaser identification card, a
17 certified copy of a permit to purchase a handgun; a valid hunting
18 license; or other documentation deemed acceptable by the
19 superintendent. The purchaser shall sign his name to certify the
20 accuracy of the information entered in the register.

21 The register shall be retained by the dealer and shall be made
22 available at all reasonable hours for inspection by any law enforcement
23 officer.

24 b. Nothing in subsection a. of this section shall be construed to
25 relieve any retail dealer of his duty and responsibility to record and
26 report the sale of certain types of ammunition in accordance with and
27 under the provisions of subsection g. of N.J.S.2C:39-3 or any other
28 such statute.

29 c. A person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section
30 is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

31 d. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Superintendent
32 of State Police, shall promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of
33 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
34 seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act .

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36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
37 following enactment.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires retail firearms dealers to keep a register which
4 records their sales of ammunition.

5 Patterned after the register such dealers are required to keep to
6 record the sales of handguns, shotguns and rifles, the dealer would be
7 required to enter into the register the date of each sale; the purchaser's
8 name, permanent address, age, and date of birth; the quantity, caliber
9 or gauge, as appropriate, and the trade name of the ammunition
10 purchased; and any other information the Superintendent of State
11 Police may deem appropriate. The bill also requires the dealer to note
12 in the register the type of documentation the purchaser used to verify
13 his identity. The types of documentation a purchaser may use include:
14 a valid driver's license; an identification card issued by the Division of
15 Motor Vehicles pursuant to P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.2 et seq.); a
16 firearms purchaser identification card; a certified copy of a permit to
17 purchase a handgun; a valid hunting license; or any other type of
18 documentation authorized by the superintendent. To certify the
19 accuracy of the information entered, the bill requires the purchaser to
20 sign the register.

21 As with firearm purchase records, these records of ammunition
22 purchases would be available for inspection by law enforcement
23 officers.

24 To avoid any confusion, the bill clearly specifies that these
25 recording requirements are in addition to those already set forth in the
26 law and are not to be construed to relieve retail dealers of their other
27 statutory responsibilities and duties to record and report the sales of
28 specialized types of ammunition, such as those involving hollow nose
29 or dum-dum bullets, or handgun bullets capable of breaching or
30 penetrating body armor.

31 Anyone who knowingly violates the provisions of the bill is guilty
32 of a crime of the fourth degree. This penalty is consistent with the
33 current penalty schedule for violations of State regulations governing
34 the sale and licensing of firearms.

35 The sponsor believes that the availability of information relating to
36 the sale of ammunition can assist law enforcement agencies in
37 investigations of crimes involving the use of a firearm.

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42 Requires sellers of ammunition to keep certain records.