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SYNOPSIS

Concerns certain sale and possession of firearms; repeals personalized handgun law.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning firearms and amending, supplementing, and
2 repealing various parts of the statutory law

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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. (New section) A person licensed or registered as a
8 manufacturer, wholesale dealer of firearms, retail dealer of
9 firearms, or an agent or employee of a manufacturer, wholesale, or
10 retail dealer of firearms acting in the course of the person's
11 employment shall be permitted to sell, assign or otherwise transfer
12 any new semi-automatic handgun regardless of whether the
13 handgun is equipped with microstamping technology that imprints
14 an alpha-numeric or geometric code on the cartridge case when the
15 semi-automatic handgun is fired that identifies the make, model,
16 and serial number of the handgun.

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18 2. (New section) A person shall not be required to obtain a
19 firearm liability insurance policy in order to possess a firearm
20 lawfully in this State.

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22 3. N.J.S.2C:39-1 is amended to read as follows:

23 2C:39-1. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this
24 chapter and to chapter 58:

25 a. "Antique firearm" means any rifle or shotgun and "antique
26 cannon" means a destructive device defined in paragraph (3) of
27 subsection c. of this section, if the rifle, shotgun or destructive
28 device, as the case may be, is incapable of being fired or
29 discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition, regardless of
30 date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which
31 cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is
32 possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical
33 significance or value.

34 b. "Deface" means to remove, deface, cover, alter or destroy
35 the name of the maker, model designation, manufacturer's serial
36 number or any other distinguishing identification mark or number
37 on any firearm.

38 c. "Destructive device" means any device, instrument or object
39 designed to explode or produce uncontrolled combustion, including
40 (1) any explosive or incendiary bomb, mine or grenade; (2) any
41 rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces or any
42 missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-
43 quarter of an ounce; (3) any weapon capable of firing a projectile of
44 a caliber greater than 60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun
45 ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes;
46 (4) any Molotov cocktail or other device consisting of a breakable

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 container containing flammable liquid and having a wick or similar
2 device capable of being ignited. The term does not include any
3 device manufactured for the purpose of illumination, distress
4 signaling, line-throwing, safety or similar purposes.

5 d. "Dispose of" means to give, give away, lease, loan, keep for
6 sale, offer, offer for sale, sell, transfer, or otherwise transfer
7 possession.

8 e. "Explosive" means any chemical compound or mixture that
9 is commonly used or is possessed for the purpose of producing an
10 explosion and which contains any oxidizing and combustible
11 materials or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or
12 packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion or by
13 detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such
14 a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant
15 gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on
16 contiguous objects. The term shall not include small arms
17 ammunition, or explosives in the form prescribed by the official
18 United States Pharmacopoeia.

19 f. "Firearm" means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun,
20 automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device or instrument
21 in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any
22 solid projectable ball, slug, pellet, missile or bullet, or any gas,
23 vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by
24 the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive
25 substances. It shall also include, without limitation, any firearm
26 which is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other
27 weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring,
28 elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air
29 or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a
30 bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths of an inch in diameter,
31 with sufficient force to injure a person.

32 g. "Firearm silencer" means any instrument, attachment,
33 weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver,
34 pistol or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle
35 the noise of the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm.

36 h. "Gravity knife" means any knife which has a blade which is
37 released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or
38 the application of centrifugal force.

39 i. "Machine gun" means any firearm, mechanism or instrument
40 not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a
41 reservoir, belt or other means of storing and carrying ammunition
42 which can be loaded into the firearm, mechanism or instrument and
43 fired therefrom. A machine gun also shall include, without
44 limitation, any firearm with a trigger crank attached.

45 j. "Manufacturer" means any person who receives or obtains
46 raw materials or parts and processes them into firearms or finished
47 parts of firearms, except a person who exclusively processes grips,
48 stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms. The term does not

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- 1 include a person who repairs existing firearms or receives new and
2 used raw materials or parts solely for the repair of existing firearms.
- 3 k. "Handgun" means any pistol, revolver or other firearm
4 originally designed or manufactured to be fired by the use of a
5 single hand.
- 6 l. "Retail dealer" means any person including a gunsmith,
7 except a manufacturer or a wholesale dealer, who sells, transfers or
8 assigns for a fee or profit any firearm or parts of firearms or
9 ammunition which he has purchased or obtained with the intention,
10 or for the purpose, of reselling or reassigning to persons who are
11 reasonably understood to be the ultimate consumers, and includes
12 any person who is engaged in the business of repairing firearms or
13 who sells any firearm to satisfy a debt secured by the pledge of a
14 firearm.
- 15 m. "Rifle" means any firearm designed to be fired from the
16 shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic
17 cartridge to fire a single projectile through a rifled bore for each
18 single pull of the trigger.
- 19 n. "Shotgun" means any firearm designed to be fired from the
20 shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun
21 shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shots or a
22 single projectile for each pull of the trigger, or any firearm designed
23 to be fired from the shoulder which does not fire fixed ammunition.
- 24 o. "Sawed-off shotgun" means any shotgun having a barrel or
25 barrels of less than 18 inches in length measured from the breech to
26 the muzzle, or a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16
27 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or any
28 firearm made from a rifle or a shotgun, whether by alteration, or
29 otherwise, if such firearm as modified has an overall length of less
30 than 26 inches.
- 31 p. "Switchblade knife" means any knife or similar device
32 which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure
33 applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife.
- 34 q. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the State
35 Police.
- 36 r. "Weapon" means anything readily capable of lethal use or of
37 inflicting serious bodily injury. The term includes, but is not
38 limited to, all (1) firearms, even though not loaded or lacking a clip
39 or other component to render them immediately operable; (2)
40 components which can be readily assembled into a weapon; (3)
41 gravity knives, switchblade knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, or other
42 dangerous knives, billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles,
43 sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with
44 metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood; and (4) stun guns;
45 and any weapon or other device which projects, releases, or emits
46 tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary
47 physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or
48 otherwise dispensed in the air.

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1 s. "Wholesale dealer" means any person, except a
2 manufacturer, who sells, transfers, or assigns firearms, or parts of
3 firearms, to persons who are reasonably understood not to be the
4 ultimate consumers, and includes persons who receive finished
5 parts of firearms and assemble them into completed or partially
6 completed firearms, in furtherance of such purpose, except that it
7 shall not include those persons dealing exclusively in grips, stocks
8 and other nonmetal parts of firearms.

9 t. "Stun gun" means any weapon or other device which emits
10 an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or
11 permanently disable a person.

12 u. "Ballistic knife" means any weapon or other device capable
13 of lethal use and which can propel a knife blade.

14 v. "Imitation firearm" means an object or device reasonably
15 capable of being mistaken for a firearm.

16 w. "Assault firearm" means:

17 (1) The following firearms:

18 Algimec AGM1 type

19 Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street
20 Sweeper" or "Striker 12"

21 Armalite AR-180 type

22 Australian Automatic Arms SAR

23 Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms

24 Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms

25 Bushmaster Assault Rifle

26 Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900

27 CETME G3

28 Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type

29 Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series

30 Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types

31 Demro TAC-1 carbine type

32 Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types

33 FAMAS MAS223 types

34 FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic
35 firearms

36 Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns

37 G3SA type

38 Galil type Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5,
39 PSG-1

40 Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms

41 M1 carbine type

42 M14S type

43 MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9mm carbine type firearms

44 PJK M-68 carbine type

45 Plainfield Machine Company Carbine

46 Ruger K-Mini-14/5F and Mini-14/5RF

47 SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types

48 SKS with detachable magazine type

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- 1 Spectre Auto carbine type
2 Springfield Armory BM59 and SAR-48 type
3 Sterling MK-6, MK-7 and SAR types
4 Steyr A.U.G. semi-automatic firearms
5 USAS 12 semi-automatic type shotgun
6 Uzi type semi-automatic firearms
7 Valmet M62, M71S, M76, or M78 type semi-automatic
8 firearms
9 Weaver Arm Nighthawk.
- 10 (2) Any firearm manufactured under any designation which is
11 substantially identical to any of the firearms listed above.
- 12 (3) A semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity
13 exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock.
- 14 (4) A semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity
15 exceeding 10 rounds. "Assault firearm" shall not include a semi-
16 automatic rifle which has an attached tubular device and which is
17 capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.
- 18 (5) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to
19 convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of
20 parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if
21 those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same
22 person.
- 23 (6) A firearm with a bump stock attached.
- 24 x. "Semi-automatic" means a firearm which fires a single
25 projectile for each single pull of the trigger and is self-reloading or
26 automatically chambers a round, cartridge, or bullet.
- 27 y. "Large capacity ammunition magazine" means a box, drum,
28 tube or other container which is capable of holding more than 10
29 rounds of ammunition to be fed continuously and directly therefrom
30 into a semi-automatic firearm. The term shall not include an
31 attached tubular device which is capable of holding only .22 caliber
32 rimfire ammunition.
- 33 z. "Pistol grip" means a well-defined handle, similar to that
34 found on a handgun, that protrudes conspicuously beneath the
35 action of the weapon, and which permits the shotgun to be held and
36 fired with one hand.
- 37 aa. "Antique handgun" means a handgun manufactured before
38 1898, or a replica thereof, which is recognized as being historical in
39 nature or of historical significance and either (1) utilizes a match,
40 friction, flint, or percussion ignition, or which utilizes a pin-fire
41 cartridge in which the pin is part of the cartridge or (2) does not fire
42 fixed ammunition or for which cartridge ammunition is not
43 commercially available.
- 44 bb. "Trigger lock" means a commercially available device
45 approved by the Superintendent of State Police which is operated
46 with a key or combination lock that prevents a firearm from being
47 discharged while the device is attached to the firearm. It may
48 include, but need not be limited to, devices that obstruct the barrel

1 or cylinder of the firearm, as well as devices that immobilize the
2 trigger.

3 cc. "Trigger locking device" means a device that, if installed on
4 a firearm and secured by means of a key or mechanically,
5 electronically or electromechanically operated combination lock,
6 prevents the firearm from being discharged without first
7 deactivating or removing the device by means of a key or
8 mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated
9 combination lock.

10 dd. **["Personalized handgun"** means a handgun which
11 incorporates within its design a permanent programmable feature as
12 part of its manufacture that cannot be deactivated and renders the
13 personalized handgun reasonably resistant to being fired except
14 when activated by the lawful owner or other authorized user. No
15 make or model of a handgun shall be deemed to be a "personalized
16 handgun" unless the Personalized Handgun Authorization
17 Commission established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.164
18 (C.2C:58-2.7) has determined in accordance with section 2 of
19 P.L.2019, c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8), that the personalized handgun meets
20 the performance standards and qualifying criteria established
21 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8). **](Deleted by**
22 **amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this**
23 **bill)**

24 ee. "Bump stock" means any device or instrument for a firearm
25 that increases the rate of fire achievable with the firearm by using
26 energy from the recoil of the firearm to generate a reciprocating
27 action that facilitates repeated activation of the trigger.

28 ff. "Trigger crank" means any device or instrument to be
29 attached to a firearm that repeatedly activates the trigger of the
30 firearm through the use of a lever or other part that is turned in a
31 circular motion; provided, however, the term shall not include any
32 weapon initially designed and manufactured to fire through the use
33 of a crank or lever.

34 gg. "Armor piercing ammunition" means: (1) a projectile or
35 projectile core which may be used in a handgun and is constructed
36 entirely, excluding the presence of traces of other substances, from
37 one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze,
38 beryllium copper, or depleted uranium; or (2) a full jacketed
39 projectile larger than .22 caliber designed and intended for use in a
40 handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25 percent of
41 the total weight of the projectile. "Armor piercing ammunition"
42 shall not include shotgun shot required by federal or State
43 environmental or game regulations for hunting purposes, a frangible
44 projectile designed for target shooting, a projectile which the United
45 States Attorney General finds is primarily intended to be used for
46 sporting purposes, or any other projectile or projectile core which
47 the United States Attorney General finds is intended to be used for

1 industrial purposes, including a charge used in an oil gas well
2 perforating device.

3 hh. "Covert firearm" means any firearm that is constructed in a
4 shape or configuration such that it does not resemble a handgun,
5 rifle, shotgun, or machine gun including, but not limited to, a
6 firearm that resembles a key-chain, pen, cigarette lighter, cigarette
7 package, cellphone, smart phone, wallet, or cane.

8 ii. "Undetectable firearm" means a firearm that: (1) after
9 removal of all parts other than major components, is not as
10 detectable as the Security Exemplar, by walk-through metal
11 detectors calibrated and operated to detect the Security Exemplar;
12 or (2) includes a major component which, if the firearm were
13 subjected to inspection by the types of detection devices commonly
14 used at airports for security screening, would not generate an image
15 that accurately depicts the shape of the component. "Undetectable
16 firearm" shall not be construed to include a firearm subject to the
17 provisions of paragraphs (3) through (6) of subsection (p) of 18
18 U.S.C. s.922.

19 jj. "Major component" means the slide or cylinder or the frame
20 or receiver of a firearm and, in the case of a rifle or shotgun, also
21 includes the barrel.

22 kk. "Security Exemplar" means the Security Exemplar
23 fabricated in accordance with subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of
24 subsection (p) of 18 U.S.C. s.922.

25 ll. **["Authorized user"** means the lawful owner of a
26 personalized handgun or a person to whom the owner has given
27 consent to use the personalized handgun. **](Deleted by amendment,**
28 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
29 (cf: P.L.2019, c.164, s.6)

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31 4. N.J.S.2C:58-2 is amended to read as follows:

32 2C:58-2. a. Licensing of retail dealers and their employees. No
33 retail dealer of firearms nor any employee of a retail dealer shall
34 sell or expose for sale, or possess with the intent of selling, any
35 firearm unless licensed to do so as hereinafter provided. The
36 superintendent shall prescribe standards and qualifications for retail
37 dealers of firearms and their employees for the protection of the
38 public safety, health and welfare.

39 Applications shall be made in the form prescribed by the
40 superintendent, accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the
41 superintendent, and shall be made to a judge of the Superior Court
42 in the county where the applicant maintains his place of business.
43 The judge shall grant a license to an applicant if he finds that the
44 applicant meets the standards and qualifications established by the
45 superintendent and that the applicant can be permitted to engage in
46 business as a retail dealer of firearms or employee thereof without
47 any danger to the public safety, health and welfare. Each license
48 shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance,

1 and shall authorize the holder to sell firearms at retail in a specified
2 municipality.

3 In addition, every retail dealer shall pay a fee of \$5 for each
4 employee actively engaged in the sale or purchase of firearms. The
5 superintendent shall issue a license for each employee for whom
6 said fee has been paid, which license shall be valid for so long as
7 the employee remains in the employ of said retail dealer.

8 No license shall be granted to any retail dealer under the age of
9 21 years or to any employee of a retail dealer under the age of 18 or
10 to any person who could not qualify to obtain a permit to purchase a
11 handgun or a firearms purchaser identification card, or to any
12 corporation, partnership or other business organization in which the
13 actual or equitable controlling interest is held or possessed by such
14 an ineligible person.

15 All licenses shall be granted subject to the following conditions,
16 for breach of any of which the license shall be subject to revocation
17 on the application of any law enforcement officer and after notice
18 and hearing by the issuing court:

19 (1) The business shall be carried on only in the building or
20 buildings designated in the license, provided that repairs may be
21 made by the dealer or his employees outside of such premises.

22 (2) The license or a copy certified by the issuing authority shall
23 be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place on the business
24 premises where it can be easily read.

25 (3) No firearm or imitation thereof shall be placed in any
26 window or in any other part of the premises where it can be readily
27 seen from the outside.

28 (4) No rifle or shotgun, except antique rifles or shotguns, shall
29 be delivered to any person unless such person possesses and
30 exhibits a valid firearms purchaser identification card and furnishes
31 the seller, on the form prescribed by the superintendent, a
32 certification signed by him setting forth his name, permanent
33 address, firearms purchaser identification card number and such
34 other information as the superintendent may by rule or regulation
35 require. The certification shall be retained by the dealer and shall
36 be made available for inspection by any law enforcement officer at
37 any reasonable time.

38 (5) No handgun shall be delivered to any person unless:

39 (a) Such person possesses and exhibits a valid permit to
40 purchase a firearm and at least seven days have elapsed since the
41 date of application for the permit;

42 (b) The person is personally known to the seller or presents
43 evidence of his identity;

44 (c) The handgun is unloaded and securely wrapped;

45 (d) The handgun is accompanied by a trigger lock or a locked
46 case, gun box, container or other secure facility; provided, however,
47 this provision shall not apply to antique handguns [or personalized
48 handguns included in the roster pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019,

1 c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8)]. The **exemptions** exemption afforded under
2 this subparagraph for antique handguns **and personalized**
3 **handguns** shall be narrowly construed, limited solely to the
4 requirements set forth herein and shall not be deemed to afford or
5 authorize any other exemption from the regulatory provisions
6 governing firearms set forth in chapter 39 and chapter 58 of Title
7 2C of the New Jersey Statutes; and

8 (e) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.164)

9 (6) The dealer shall keep a true record of every handgun sold,
10 given or otherwise delivered or disposed of, in accordance with the
11 provisions of subsections b. through e. of this section and the record
12 shall note whether a trigger lock, locked case, gun box, container or
13 other secure facility was delivered along with the handgun.

14 (7) A dealer shall not knowingly deliver more than one handgun
15 to any person within any 30-day period. This limitation shall not
16 apply to:

17 (a) a federal, State, or local law enforcement officer or agency
18 purchasing handguns for use by officers in the actual performance
19 of their law enforcement duties;

20 (b) a collector of handguns as curios or relics as defined in Title
21 18, United States Code, section 921 (a) (13) who has in his
22 possession a valid Collector of Curios and Relics License issued by
23 the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

24 (c) transfers of handguns among licensed retail dealers,
25 registered wholesale dealers and registered manufacturers;

26 (d) any transaction where the person has purchased a handgun
27 from a licensed retail dealer and has returned that handgun to the
28 dealer in exchange for another handgun within 30 days of the
29 original transaction, provided the retail dealer reports the exchange
30 transaction to the superintendent; or

31 (e) any transaction where the superintendent issues an
32 exemption from the prohibition in this subsection pursuant to the
33 provisions of section 4 of P.L.2009, c.186 (C.2C:58-3.4).

34 b. Records. Every person engaged in the retail business of
35 selling, leasing or otherwise transferring a handgun, as a retail
36 dealer or otherwise, shall keep a register in which shall be entered
37 the time of the sale, lease or other transfer, the date thereof, the
38 name, age, date of birth, complexion, occupation, residence and a
39 physical description including distinguishing physical
40 characteristics, if any, of the purchaser, lessee or transferee, the
41 name and permanent home address of the person making the sale,
42 lease or transfer, the place of the transaction, and the make, model,
43 manufacturer's number, caliber and other marks of identification on
44 such handgun and such other information as the superintendent
45 shall deem necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter.
46 The register shall be retained by the dealer and shall be made
47 available at all reasonable hours for inspection by any law
48 enforcement officer.

1 c. Forms of register. The superintendent shall prepare the form
2 of the register as described in subsection b. of this section and
3 furnish the same in triplicate to each person licensed to be engaged
4 in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring firearms.

5 d. Signatures in register. The purchaser, lessee or transferee of
6 any handgun shall sign, and the dealer shall require him to sign his
7 name to the register, in triplicate, and the person making the sale,
8 lease or transfer shall affix his name, in triplicate, as a witness to
9 the signature. The signatures shall constitute a representation of the
10 accuracy of the information contained in the register.

11 e. Copies of register entries; delivery to chief of police or
12 county clerk. Within five days of the date of the sale, assignment or
13 transfer, the dealer shall deliver or mail by certified mail, return
14 receipt requested, legible copies of the register forms to the office
15 of the chief of police of the municipality in which the purchaser
16 resides, or to the office of the captain of the precinct of the
17 municipality in which the purchaser resides, and to the
18 superintendent. If hand delivered a receipt shall be given to the
19 dealer therefor.

20 Where a sale, assignment or transfer is made to a purchaser who
21 resides in a municipality having no chief of police, the dealer shall,
22 within five days of the transaction, mail a duplicate copy of the
23 register sheet to the clerk of the county within which the purchaser
24 resides.

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.164, s.7)

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27 5. The following sections are repealed:

28 Sections 1 through 5 of P.L.2019, c.164 (C.2C:58-2.7 through
29 C.2C:58-2.11); and

30 Section 8 of P.L.2002, c.130 (C.59:2-11).

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32 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill protects law abiding firearm owners from overly
38 burdensome government infringement on the constitutional right to
39 keep and bear arms by prohibiting State imposition of mandatory
40 firearm liability insurance for firearm owners, prohibiting any
41 requirement that new semi-automatic handguns be equipped with
42 microstamping technology in order to be sold in the State, and
43 repealing the personalized handgun law.

44 Under the bill, a person would not be required to obtain a firearm
45 liability insurance policy in order to possess a firearm lawfully in
46 this State. Additionally under the bill, a person licensed or
47 registered as a manufacturer, wholesale dealer of firearms, retail
48 dealer of firearms, or one of their agents acting in the course of the

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1 person's employment would be permitted to sell, assign or
2 otherwise transfer any new semi-automatic handgun regardless of
3 whether the handgun is equipped with microstamping technology
4 that imprints an alpha-numeric or geometric code on the cartridge
5 case when the semi-automatic handgun is fired and identifies the
6 make, model, and serial number of the handgun.

7 Finally, the bill repeals the personalized handgun law. Current
8 law provides that a personalized handgun is one that "incorporates
9 within its design a permanent programmable feature as part of its
10 manufacture that cannot be deactivated and renders the personalized
11 handgun reasonably resistant to being fired except when activated
12 by the lawful owner or other authorized user" and which meets
13 certain performance standards, as determined by the Personalized
14 Handgun Authorization Commission. Under the law, within 60 days
15 of the commission determining a handgun meets the established
16 criteria, licensed retail dealers of firearms in the State are required
17 to make available for sale at least one personalized handgun and
18 provide certain notice to customers about personalized handguns.
19 Dealers in violation of the law are subject to monetary penalties and
20 license suspension and a person who tampers with a personalized
21 handgun to disrupt the user-authorized functionality is guilty of a
22 disorderly persons offense. Under the bill, these provisions are
23 repealed.