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SYNOPSIS

Expands maximum capacity of ammunition magazines to 15 rounds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning ammunition and amending N.J.S.2C:39-1,
2 N.J.S.2C:39-3, and P.L.2018, c.39, and repealing various
3 sections of statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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

9 2C:39-1. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this
10 chapter and to chapter 58:

11 a. "Antique firearm" means any rifle or shotgun and "antique
12 cannon" means a destructive device defined in paragraph (3) of
13 subsection c. of this section, if the rifle, shotgun or destructive
14 device, as the case may be, is incapable of being fired or
15 discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition, regardless of
16 date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which
17 cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is
18 possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical
19 significance or value.

20 b. "Deface" means to remove, deface, cover, alter or destroy
21 the name of the maker, model designation, manufacturer's serial
22 number or any other distinguishing identification mark or number
23 on any firearm.

24 c. "Destructive device" means any device, instrument or object
25 designed to explode or produce uncontrolled combustion, including
26 (1) any explosive or incendiary bomb, mine or grenade; (2) any
27 rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces or any
28 missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-
29 quarter of an ounce; (3) any weapon capable of firing a projectile of
30 a caliber greater than 60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun
31 ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes;
32 (4) any Molotov cocktail or other device consisting of a breakable
33 container containing flammable liquid and having a wick or similar
34 device capable of being ignited. The term does not include any
35 device manufactured for the purpose of illumination, distress
36 signaling, line-throwing, safety or similar purposes.

37 d. "Dispose of" means to give, give away, lease, loan, keep for
38 sale, offer, offer for sale, sell, transfer, or otherwise transfer
39 possession.

40 e. "Explosive" means any chemical compound or mixture that
41 is commonly used or is possessed for the purpose of producing an
42 explosion and which contains any oxidizing and combustible
43 materials or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or
44 packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion or by
45 detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such
46 a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant

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.

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1 gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on
2 contiguous objects. The term shall not include small arms
3 ammunition, or explosives in the form prescribed by the official
4 United States Pharmacopoeia.

5 f. "Firearm" means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun,
6 automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device or instrument
7 in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any
8 solid projectable ball, slug, pellet, missile or bullet, or any gas,
9 vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by
10 the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive
11 substances. It shall also include, without limitation, any firearm
12 which is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other
13 weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring,
14 elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air
15 or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a
16 bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths of an inch in diameter,
17 with sufficient force to injure a person.

18 g. "Firearm silencer" means any instrument, attachment,
19 weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver,
20 pistol or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle
21 the noise of the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm.

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

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

31 j. "Manufacturer" means any person who receives or obtains
32 raw materials or parts and processes them into firearms or finished
33 parts of firearms, except a person who exclusively processes grips,
34 stocks and other nonmetal parts of firearms. The term does not
35 include a person who repairs existing firearms or receives new and
36 used raw materials or parts solely for the repair of existing firearms.

37 k. "Handgun" means any pistol, revolver or other firearm
38 originally designed or manufactured to be fired by the use of a
39 single hand.

40 l. "Retail dealer" means any person including a gunsmith,
41 except a manufacturer or a wholesale dealer, who sells, transfers or
42 assigns for a fee or profit any firearm or parts of firearms or
43 ammunition which he has purchased or obtained with the intention,
44 or for the purpose, of reselling or reassigning to persons who are
45 reasonably understood to be the ultimate consumers, and includes
46 any person who is engaged in the business of repairing firearms or
47 who sells any firearm to satisfy a debt secured by the pledge of a
48 firearm.

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- 1 m. "Rifle" means any firearm designed to be fired from the
2 shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic
3 cartridge to fire a single projectile through a rifled bore for each
4 single pull of the trigger.
- 5 n. "Shotgun" means any firearm designed to be fired from the
6 shoulder and using the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun
7 shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shots or a
8 single projectile for each pull of the trigger, or any firearm designed
9 to be fired from the shoulder which does not fire fixed ammunition.
- 10 o. "Sawed-off shotgun" means any shotgun having a barrel or
11 barrels of less than 18 inches in length measured from the breech to
12 the muzzle, or a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16
13 inches in length measured from the breech to the muzzle, or any
14 firearm made from a rifle or a shotgun, whether by alteration, or
15 otherwise, if such firearm as modified has an overall length of less
16 than 26 inches.
- 17 p. "Switchblade knife" means any knife or similar device
18 which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure
19 applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife.
- 20 q. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the State
21 Police.
- 22 r. "Weapon" means anything readily capable of lethal use or of
23 inflicting serious bodily injury. The term includes, but is not
24 limited to, all (1) firearms, even though not loaded or lacking a clip
25 or other component to render them immediately operable; (2)
26 components which can be readily assembled into a weapon; (3)
27 gravity knives, switchblade knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, or other
28 dangerous knives, billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles,
29 sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with
30 metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood; and (4) stun guns;
31 and any weapon or other device which projects, releases, or emits
32 tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary
33 physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or
34 otherwise dispensed in the air.
- 35 s. "Wholesale dealer" means any person, except a
36 manufacturer, who sells, transfers, or assigns firearms, or parts of
37 firearms, to persons who are reasonably understood not to be the
38 ultimate consumers, and includes persons who receive finished
39 parts of firearms and assemble them into completed or partially
40 completed firearms, in furtherance of such purpose, except that it
41 shall not include those persons dealing exclusively in grips, stocks
42 and other nonmetal parts of firearms.
- 43 t. "Stun gun" means any weapon or other device which emits
44 an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or
45 permanently disable a person.
- 46 u. "Ballistic knife" means any weapon or other device capable
47 of lethal use and which can propel a knife blade.

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- 1 v. "Imitation firearm" means an object or device reasonably
2 capable of being mistaken for a firearm.
- 3 w. "Assault firearm" means:
- 4 (1) The following firearms:
- 5 Algimec AGM1 type
- 6 Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street
7 Sweeper" or "Striker 12"
- 8 Armalite AR-180 type
- 9 Australian Automatic Arms SAR
- 10 Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms
- 11 Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms
- 12 Bushmaster Assault Rifle
- 13 Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900
- 14 CETME G3
- 15 Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type
- 16 Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series
- 17 Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types
- 18 Demro TAC-1 carbine type
- 19 Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types
- 20 FAMAS MAS223 types
- 21 FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic
22 firearms
- 23 Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns
- 24 G3SA type
- 25 Galil type Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5,
26 PSG-1
- 27 Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms
- 28 M1 carbine type
- 29 M14S type
- 30 MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9mm carbine type firearms
- 31 PJK M-68 carbine type
- 32 Plainfield Machine Company Carbine
- 33 Ruger K-Mini-14/5F and Mini-14/5RF
- 34 SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types
- 35 SKS with detachable magazine type
- 36 Spectre Auto carbine type
- 37 Springfield Armory BM59 and SAR-48 type
- 38 Sterling MK-6, MK-7 and SAR types
- 39 Steyr A.U.G. semi-automatic firearms
- 40 USAS 12 semi-automatic type shotgun
- 41 Uzi type semi-automatic firearms
- 42 Valmet M62, M71S, M76, or M78 type semi-automatic
43 firearms
- 44 Weaver Arm Nighthawk.
- 45 (2) Any firearm manufactured under any designation which is
46 substantially identical to any of the firearms listed above.
- 47 (3) A semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity
48 exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock.

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1 (4) A semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity
2 exceeding **[10]** 15 rounds. "Assault firearm" shall not include a
3 semi-automatic rifle which has an attached tubular device and
4 which is capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire
5 ammunition.

6 (5) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to
7 convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of
8 parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if
9 those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same
10 person.

11 (6) A firearm with a bump stock attached.

12 x. "Semi-automatic" means a firearm which fires a single
13 projectile for each single pull of the trigger and is self-reloading or
14 automatically chambers a round, cartridge, or bullet.

15 y. "Large capacity ammunition magazine" means a box, drum,
16 tube or other container which is capable of holding more than **[10]**
17 15 rounds of ammunition to be fed continuously and directly
18 therefrom into a semi-automatic firearm. The term shall not include
19 an attached tubular device which is capable of holding only .22
20 caliber rimfire ammunition.

21 z. "Pistol grip" means a well-defined handle, similar to that
22 found on a handgun, that protrudes conspicuously beneath the
23 action of the weapon, and which permits the shotgun to be held and
24 fired with one hand.

25 aa. "Antique handgun" means a handgun manufactured before
26 1898, or a replica thereof, which is recognized as being historical in
27 nature or of historical significance and either (1) utilizes a match,
28 friction, flint, or percussion ignition, or which utilizes a pin-fire
29 cartridge in which the pin is part of the cartridge or (2) does not fire
30 fixed ammunition or for which cartridge ammunition is not
31 commercially available.

32 bb. "Trigger lock" means a commercially available device
33 approved by the Superintendent of State Police which is operated
34 with a key or combination lock that prevents a firearm from being
35 discharged while the device is attached to the firearm. It may
36 include, but need not be limited to, devices that obstruct the barrel
37 or cylinder of the firearm, as well as devices that immobilize the
38 trigger.

39 cc. "Trigger locking device" means a device that, if installed on
40 a firearm and secured by means of a key or mechanically,
41 electronically or electromechanically operated combination lock,
42 prevents the firearm from being discharged without first
43 deactivating or removing the device by means of a key or
44 mechanically, electronically or electromechanically operated
45 combination lock.

46 dd. "Personalized handgun" means a handgun which
47 incorporates within its design a permanent programmable feature as
48 part of its manufacture that cannot be deactivated and renders the

1 personalized handgun reasonably resistant to being fired except
2 when activated by the lawful owner or other authorized user. No
3 make or model of a handgun shall be deemed to be a "personalized
4 handgun" unless the Personalized Handgun Authorization
5 Commission established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.164
6 (C.2C:58-2.7) has determined in accordance with section 2 of
7 P.L.2019, c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8), that the personalized handgun meets
8 the performance standards and qualifying criteria established
9 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8).

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

14 ff. "Trigger crank" means any device or instrument to be
15 attached to a firearm that repeatedly activates the trigger of the
16 firearm through the use of a lever or other part that is turned in a
17 circular motion; provided, however, the term shall not include any
18 weapon initially designed and manufactured to fire through the use
19 of a crank or lever.

20 gg. "Armor piercing ammunition" means: (1) a projectile or
21 projectile core which may be used in a handgun and is constructed
22 entirely, excluding the presence of traces of other substances, from
23 one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze,
24 beryllium copper, or depleted uranium; or (2) a full jacketed
25 projectile larger than .22 caliber designed and intended for use in a
26 handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25 percent of
27 the total weight of the projectile. "Armor piercing ammunition"
28 shall not include shotgun shot required by federal or State
29 environmental or game regulations for hunting purposes, a frangible
30 projectile designed for target shooting, a projectile which the United
31 States Attorney General finds is primarily intended to be used for
32 sporting purposes, or any other projectile or projectile core which
33 the United States Attorney General finds is intended to be used for
34 industrial purposes, including a charge used in an oil gas well
35 perforating device.

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

41 ii. "Undetectable firearm" means a firearm that: (1) after
42 removal of all parts other than major components, is not as
43 detectable as the Security Exemplar, by walk-through metal
44 detectors calibrated and operated to detect the Security Exemplar;
45 or (2) includes a major component which, if the firearm were
46 subjected to inspection by the types of detection devices commonly
47 used at airports for security screening, would not generate an image
48 that accurately depicts the shape of the component. "Undetectable

1 firearm" shall not be construed to include a firearm subject to the
2 provisions of paragraphs (3) through (6) of subsection (p) of 18
3 U.S.C. s.922.

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

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

10 ll. "Authorized user" means the lawful owner of a personalized
11 handgun or a person to whom the owner has given consent to use
12 the personalized handgun.

13 (cf: P.L.2019, c.164, s.6)

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

16 2C:39-3. Prohibited Weapons and Devices.

17 a. Destructive devices. Any person who knowingly has in his
18 possession any destructive device is guilty of a crime of the third
19 degree.

20 b. Sawed-off shotguns. Any person who knowingly has in his
21 possession any sawed-off shotgun is guilty of a crime of the third
22 degree.

23 c. Silencers. Any person who knowingly has in his possession
24 any firearm silencer is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

25 d. Defaced firearms. Any person who knowingly has in his
26 possession any firearm which has been defaced, except an antique
27 firearm or an antique handgun, is guilty of a crime of the fourth
28 degree.

29 e. Certain weapons. Any person who knowingly has in his
30 possession any gravity knife, switchblade knife, dagger, dirk,
31 stiletto, billy, blackjack, metal knuckle, sandclub, slingshot, cestus
32 or similar leather band studded with metal filings or razor blades
33 imbedded in wood, ballistic knife, without any explainable lawful
34 purpose, is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

35 f. Dum-dum or armor piercing ammunition. (1) Any person,
36 other than a law enforcement officer or persons engaged in
37 activities pursuant to subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-6, who
38 knowingly has in his possession any hollow nose or dum-dum
39 bullet, or (2) any person, other than a collector of firearms or
40 ammunition as curios or relics as defined in Title 18, United States
41 Code, section 921 (a) (13) and has in his possession a valid
42 Collector of Curios and Relics License issued by the Bureau of
43 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, who knowingly has in
44 his possession any armor piercing ammunition as defined in
45 subsection gg. of N.J.S.2C:39-1 is guilty of a crime of the fourth
46 degree. For purposes of this section, a collector may possess not
47 more than three examples of each distinctive variation of the

1 ammunition described above. A distinctive variation includes a
2 different head stamp, composition, design, or color.

3 g. Exceptions. (1) Nothing in subsection a., b., c., d., e., f., j.
4 or k. of this section shall apply to any member of the Armed Forces
5 of the United States or the National Guard, or except as otherwise
6 provided, to any law enforcement officer while actually on duty or
7 traveling to or from an authorized place of duty, provided that his
8 possession of the prohibited weapon or device has been duly
9 authorized under the applicable laws, regulations or military or law
10 enforcement orders.

11 Nothing in subsection h. of this section shall apply to any law
12 enforcement officer who is exempted from the provisions of that
13 subsection by the Attorney General. Nothing in this section shall
14 apply to the possession of any weapon or device by a law
15 enforcement officer who has confiscated, seized or otherwise taken
16 possession of said weapon or device as evidence of the commission
17 of a crime or because he believed it to be possessed illegally by the
18 person from whom it was taken, provided that said law enforcement
19 officer promptly notifies his superiors of his possession of such
20 prohibited weapon or device.

21 (2) a. Nothing in subsection f. (1) shall be construed to prevent
22 a person from keeping such ammunition at his dwelling, premises
23 or other land owned or possessed by him, or from carrying such
24 ammunition from the place of purchase to said dwelling or land, nor
25 shall subsection f. (1) be construed to prevent any licensed retail or
26 wholesale firearms dealer from possessing such ammunition at its
27 licensed premises, provided that the seller of any such ammunition
28 shall maintain a record of the name, age and place of residence of
29 any purchaser who is not a licensed dealer, together with the date of
30 sale and quantity of ammunition sold.

31 b. Nothing in subsection f.(1) shall be construed to prevent a
32 designated employee or designated licensed agent for a nuclear
33 power plant under the license of the Nuclear Regulatory
34 Commission from possessing hollow nose ammunition while in the
35 actual performance of his official duties, if the federal licensee
36 certifies that the designated employee or designated licensed agent
37 is assigned to perform site protection, guard, armed response or
38 armed escort duties and is appropriately trained and qualified, as
39 prescribed by federal regulation, to perform those duties.

40 (3) Nothing in paragraph (2) of subsection f. or in subsection j.
41 shall be construed to prevent any licensed retail or wholesale
42 firearms dealer from possessing that ammunition or large capacity
43 ammunition magazine at its licensed premises for sale or disposition
44 to another licensed dealer, the Armed Forces of the United States or
45 the National Guard, or to a law enforcement agency, provided that
46 the seller maintains a record of any sale or disposition to a law
47 enforcement agency. The record shall include the name of the
48 purchasing agency, together with written authorization of the chief

1 of police or highest ranking official of the agency, the name and
2 rank of the purchasing law enforcement officer, if applicable, and
3 the date, time and amount of ammunition sold or otherwise
4 disposed. A copy of this record shall be forwarded by the seller to
5 the Superintendent of the Division of State Police within 48 hours
6 of the sale or disposition.

7 (4) Nothing in subsection a. of this section shall be construed to
8 apply to antique cannons as exempted in subsection d. of
9 N.J.S.2C:39-6.

10 (5) Nothing in subsection c. of this section shall be construed to
11 apply to any person who is specifically identified in a special deer
12 management permit issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to
13 utilize a firearm silencer as part of an alternative deer control
14 method implemented in accordance with a special deer management
15 permit issued pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2000, c.46 (C.23:4-42.6),
16 while the person is in the actual performance of the permitted
17 alternative deer control method and while going to and from the
18 place where the permitted alternative deer control method is being
19 utilized. This exception shall not, however, otherwise apply to any
20 person to authorize the purchase or possession of a firearm silencer.

21 h. Stun guns. Any person who knowingly has in his possession
22 any stun gun is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

23 i. Nothing in subsection e. of this section shall be construed to
24 prevent any guard in the employ of a private security company, who
25 is licensed to carry a firearm, from the possession of a nightstick
26 when in the actual performance of his official duties, provided that
27 he has satisfactorily completed a training course approved by the
28 Police Training Commission in the use of a nightstick.

29 j. Any person who knowingly has in his possession a large
30 capacity ammunition magazine is guilty of a crime of the fourth
31 degree unless **the person has registered**:

32 (1) the person has registered an assault firearm pursuant to
33 section 11 of P.L.1990, c.32 (C.2C:58-12) and the magazine is
34 maintained and used in connection with participation in competitive
35 shooting matches sanctioned by the Director of Civilian
36 Marksmanship of the United States Department of the Army; or

37 (2) **the large capacity ammunition** magazine solely is used as a prop for a motion picture, television, or
38 video production pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-
39 18).

40 k. Handcuffs. Any person who knowingly has in his
41 possession handcuffs as defined in P.L.1991, c.437 (C.2C:39-9.2),
42 under circumstances not manifestly appropriate for such lawful uses
43 as handcuffs may have, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense. A
44 law enforcement officer shall confiscate handcuffs possessed in
45 violation of the law.

1 1. Bump stock or trigger crank. Any person who knowingly
2 possesses a bump stock as defined in subsection ee. of N.J.S.2C:39-
3 1 or a trigger crank as defined in subsection ff. of N.J.S.2C:39-1,
4 regardless of whether the person is in possession of a firearm, is
5 guilty of a crime of the third degree.

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:1-8 or any other
7 provision of law, a conviction arising out of this subsection shall
8 not merge with a conviction for possessing an assault firearm in
9 violation of subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-5 or a machine gun in
10 violation of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:39-5 and a separate sentence
11 shall be imposed upon each conviction. Notwithstanding the
12 provisions of N.J.S.2C:44-5 or any other provisions of law, the
13 sentence imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be served
14 consecutively to that imposed for unlawfully possessing an assault
15 firearm in violation of subsection f. of N.J.S.2C:39-5.

16 (cf: P.L.2018, c.39, s.2)

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18 3. Section 4 of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-18) are amended to
19 read as follows:

20 4. **【The provisions of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-17 et al.) shall**
21 **not apply to the】** In accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection j.
22 of N.J.S.2C:39-3, it shall be lawful for a person to be in possession
23 of a large capacity ammunition magazine solely used as a prop for a
24 motion picture, television, or video production, provided the large
25 capacity ammunition magazine has been reconfigured to fire blank
26 ammunition and remains under the control of a federal firearms
27 license holder.

28 (cf: P.L.2018, c.39, s.4)

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30 4. The following sections are repealed:
31 Section 3 of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-17);
32 Section 5 of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-19); and
33 Section 7 of P.L.2018, c.39 (C.2C:39-20).

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35 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill restores the maximum capacity for ammunition
41 magazines to 15 rounds.

42 Current law, enacted in 2018, lowered the maximum capacity for
43 ammunition magazines from 15 to 10 rounds. This bill restores the
44 maximum to 15 rounds. Specifically, the bill revises the definition
45 of a “large capacity ammunition magazine” to include any box,
46 drum, tube, or other container which is capable of holding more
47 than 15 rounds of ammunition. The bill also provides that a semi-
48 automatic rifle with a fixed magazine is not considered a prohibited

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1 assault firearm unless the magazine capacity exceeds 15. Under
2 current law, the maximum is 10.

3 Additionally, the bill repeals several sections of law enacted in
4 2018 concerning the 10-round limit, as the restoration of the limit to
5 15 obviates their necessity. The sections include an exemption from
6 the 10-round limit for law enforcement officers and regulations and
7 registration requirements applicable to owners of ammunition
8 magazines that accept more than 10 rounds.