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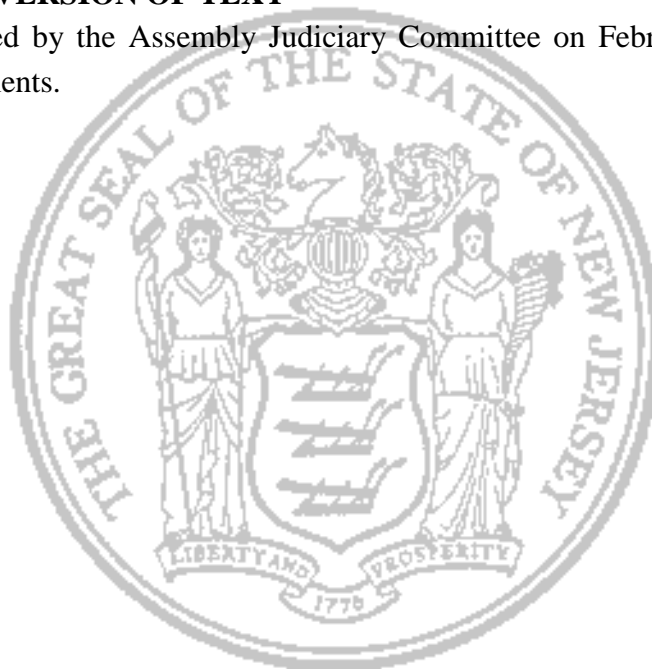
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes crime of reckless discharge of firearm.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on February 20, 2025,  
with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning firearms and supplementing Title 2C of the  
2 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. <sup>1</sup>**[A person commits a crime of the third degree by**  
8 recklessly discharging a firearm unlawfully or without a lawful  
9 purpose within a hundred yards of:

10 (1) an occupied structure; or

11 (2) a school, college, university or other educational institution,  
12 school bus, or child care facility, whether or not occupied.]<sup>1</sup>

13 For the purposes of this <sup>1</sup>**[subsection] act<sup>1</sup>**, “structure” means  
14 any building, room, ship, vessel, car, vehicle, or airplane, and also  
15 means any place adapted for overnight accommodation of persons  
16 or for carrying on business therein.

17 b. A person commits a <sup>1</sup>**[crime of the fourth degree] disorderly**  
18 **persons offense<sup>1</sup>** by recklessly discharging a firearm <sup>1</sup>**using live**  
19 **ammunition rounds<sup>1</sup>** unlawfully or without a lawful purpose <sup>1</sup>**[in a**  
20 **manner other than as provided in subsection a. of this section] ,**  
21 **except that a second conviction for such an offense constitutes a**  
22 **crime of the fourth degree, and a third or subsequent conviction for**  
23 **such an offense constitutes a crime of the third degree<sup>1</sup>.**

24 <sup>1</sup>**c. A person who commits a violation of subsection b. of this**  
25 **section shall be charged with a crime of one degree higher than**  
26 **what ordinarily would be charged for such offense, where the**  
27 **violation occurs within 100 yards of:**

28 (1) an occupied structure; or

29 (2) a school, college, university or other educational institution,  
30 school bus, or child care facility, whether or not occupied.

31 A map or true copy of a map depicting the location and  
32 boundaries of the area within 100 yards of any property subject to  
33 this subsection may be used in a prosecution under this subsection.<sup>1</sup>

34 <sup>1</sup>**[c.] d.<sup>1</sup>** Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:1-8, or any  
35 other provisions of law, a conviction arising under this section shall  
36 not merge with any other related conviction and a separate sentence  
37 shall be imposed upon each such conviction.

38 <sup>1</sup>**[d.] e.<sup>1</sup>** Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:44-5 or  
39 any other provisions of law, when the court imposes multiple  
40 sentences of imprisonment for more than one offense, those  
41 sentences shall run consecutively.

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43 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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.**

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

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted February 20, 2025.