

SENATE, No. 3209

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits flags of designated terrorist organizations from being displayed or flown on State property.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT prohibiting certain flags from being displayed or flown on
2 State property and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 52 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, at no time shall the flag of an organization designated by
10 the United States Department of State as a terrorist organization be
11 permitted to be displayed or flown on State property. Any State
12 entity occupying State property, as defined herein, upon which such
13 a flag was permitted by such entity to be displayed or flown shall be
14 penalized by the immediate loss of State or other funding in such
15 amount as the Secretary of State and the Director of the Division of
16 Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury shall
17 determine is necessary and appropriate. All such penalties assessed
18 for noncompliance shall be paid to the Department of the Treasury
19 and shall be deposited in the General Fund for reallocation by the
20 State Treasurer as may be permissible.

21 For the purposes of this section, "State property" means land and
22 improvements owned or leased by the State and includes, but shall
23 not be limited to, State offices, hospitals, parks and recreational
24 areas, institutions, and schools, including colleges and universities,
25 together with abutting vacant land held for future use for the same
26 purposes.

27 This section shall not prohibit the displaying or flying of such
28 flags for news, theatrical, historical, or educational purposes.

29 The Secretary of State shall adopt, pursuant to the
30 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
31 seq.), such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement
32 the provisions of this section.

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill prohibits the flag of a United States Department of
40 State-designated terrorist organization from being displayed or
41 flown on State property. Any State entity occupying State property
42 that permits such a flag to be displayed or flown will be penalized
43 by the immediate loss of State or other funding in such amount as
44 the Secretary of State and the Director of the Division of Budget
45 and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury determine is
46 necessary and appropriate. All such penalties will be deposited in
47 the General Fund for reallocation by the State Treasurer as may be
48 permissible.

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2 owned or leased by the State and includes, but is not limited to,
3 State offices, hospitals, parks and recreational areas, institutions,
4 and schools, including colleges and universities, together with
5 abutting vacant land held for future use for the same purposes.

6 The bill does not prohibit the displaying or flying of such flags
7 for news, theatrical, historical, or educational purposes.