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SYNOPSIS

Provides for driver's license suspension for any crime or offense occurring at pop-up party.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning pop-up parties and supplementing Title 2C of
2 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. As used in this act:

8 “Pop-up party” means a gathering of 50 or more persons that is
9 organized, promoted, or advertised through social media or other
10 electronic communication and that is held in a public place without
11 advance notice to the municipality in which the gathering occurs or
12 other appropriate local governmental unit.

13 “Public place” means the same as that term is defined by section
14 1 of P.L.1991, c.383 (C.2C:33-2.1).

15 b. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, the court
16 shall, upon application of the prosecuting attorney, enter an order
17 suspending or postponing for six months the driving privilege of
18 any person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any crime or
19 offense that occurred during and at the location of a pop-up party.

20 c. Upon entering an order suspending or postponing a person’s
21 driving privileges pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the court
22 shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
23 Commission stating the first and last day of the driver’s license
24 suspension or postponement period imposed by the court.

25 If a person is under the age of 17, the license postponement shall
26 commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for six
27 months after the person reaches the age of 17, during which time
28 the person is prohibited from obtaining a driver’s license. If a
29 person is 17 years of age or older and does not possess a valid
30 driver’s license, the person shall be prohibited from obtaining a
31 driver’s license for six months. If a person has a valid driver’s
32 license issued by this State, the court shall immediately collect the
33 license and forward it to the commission with the report. If, for any
34 reason, the license cannot be collected, the court shall include the
35 person’s full name, address, date of birth, eye color, and gender in
36 the report. If a person is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall,
37 as appropriate, suspend or postpone the person’s non-resident
38 driving privilege based on the person’s age and submit the required
39 report to the commission. The court shall not collect the license of
40 a non-resident sentenced pursuant to this section.

41 Upon receipt of the court’s report, the commission shall notify
42 the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of any
43 suspension or postponement.

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill permits the suspension of a person's driver's license for crimes or offenses that occurred during and at the location of a pop-up party. The bill defines "pop-up party" as a gathering of 50 or more persons that is organized, promoted, or advertised through social media or other electronic communication and that is held in a public place without advance notice to the municipality in which the gathering occurs or other appropriate local governmental unit. The bill defines "public place" as any place to which the public has access.

In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, the bill requires the court, upon application of the prosecuting attorney, to suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of any person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any crime or offense that occurred during and at the location of a pop-up party. The bill provides that any person under 17 years of age at the time of sentencing would have their eligibility to obtain a driver's license postponed for six months after reaching the age of 17.

The sponsor notes that pop-up parties organized on social media can quickly draw large crowds into public spaces, often with little to no advance notice to municipalities and law enforcement. These events often disrupt local businesses and residential communities and threaten public safety by requiring municipalities to divert emergency response resources to the gathering, thereby limiting their ability to respond to other emergencies. Current penalties, particularly for juveniles, do not adequately deter individuals from engaging in this conduct. The sponsor intends for this bill to help eliminate these events by allowing additional penalties, which may reduce the number of individuals willing to attend.