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SYNOPSIS

Establishes certain requirements for manufacturers and retail sellers of wearable recording devices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning wearable recording devices and supplementing
2 P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

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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. As used in this act:

8 “Visual indicator” means a visual signal including, but not limited
9 to, an illuminated light that indicates when a wearable recording
10 device is capturing sound or video.

11 “Wearable recording device” means a device designed to be worn
12 on or attached to the body that has the capability to make sound or
13 video recordings or transmit data received by the device to another
14 device, the Internet, or any cloud-based service. The term shall not
15 include a “body worn camera,” as defined in section 1 of P.L.2020,
16 c.129 (C.40A:14-118.5), or any similar device used by law
17 enforcement in this State.

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19 2. It shall be an unlawful practice and a violation of P.L.1960,
20 c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.) for any person to manufacture, sell, offer for
21 sale, distribute, or otherwise provide in this State a wearable
22 recording device unless the device:

23 a. is equipped with a visual indicator that automatically activates
24 whenever the device is capturing sound or video;

25 b. displays the visual indicator continuously for the duration of
26 the time that device is capturing sound or video;

27 c. displays the visual indicator in a manner that is reasonably
28 visible to an average person in the vicinity of an individual wearing
29 the device; and

30 d. is designed so that the visual indicator cannot be disabled,
31 obscured, or otherwise circumvented while the device is capturing
32 sound or video.

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34 3. It shall be an unlawful practice and a violation of P.L.1960,
35 c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.) for any person to manufacture, sell, offer for
36 sale, distribute, or otherwise provide in this State any device,
37 software, application, firmware, or other technology that is designed
38 for the primary purpose of disabling, obscuring, or otherwise
39 circumventing the operation of a visual indicator required by section
40 2 of this act.

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42 4. a. It shall be an unlawful practice and a violation of P.L.1960,
43 c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.) for any person who sells or offers for sale a
44 wearable recording device to fail to provide the purchaser, at the time
45 of sale, with instruction concerning:

46 (1) the proper operation of the wearable recording device; and

47 (2) the requirements of this act concerning the visual indicator as
48 set forth in section 2 of this act.

1 indicator cannot be disabled, obscured, or otherwise circumvented
2 while the device is capturing sound or video.

3 Additionally, the bill prohibits any person from manufacturing,
4 selling, offering for sale, distributing, or otherwise providing in this
5 State any device, software, application, firmware, or other
6 technology that is designed for the primary purpose of disabling,
7 obscuring, or otherwise circumventing the operation of a visual
8 indicator required pursuant to this bill.

9 This bill requires sellers of wearable recording devices to provide
10 the purchaser, at the time of sale, with instruction concerning: (1) the
11 proper operation of the wearable recording device; and (2) the
12 requirements concerning the visual indicator required pursuant to the
13 bill. The instructions required under the bill are to be provided
14 through: (1) an in-person demonstration conducted by the seller or
15 the seller's representative; (2) a video tutorial made available to the
16 purchaser at the time of sale; or (3) any other method approved by
17 the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department
18 of Law and Public Safety.

19 The provisions of this bill are not to be construed to limit, modify,
20 expand, or supersede the provisions concerning the use of body worn
21 cameras by law enforcement in this State or any rules or regulations
22 adopted pursuant thereto.

23 A violation of the bill's provisions is a violation of the consumer
24 fraud act, which is punishable by a monetary penalty of not more than
25 \$10,000 for a first offense and not more than \$20,000 for any
26 subsequent offense. In addition, violations may result in cease and
27 desist orders issued by the Attorney General, the assessment of
28 punitive damages, and the awarding of treble damages and costs to
29 the injured party.