

2A:171-5.8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 2A:171-5.8 (Sunday sales -- increase penalties for violations)

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This bill increases the penalties for violation of the law against Sunday sales.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 22, 1983

By Assemblymen COWAN, T. GALLO, CHARLES and DORIA

AN ACT concerning Sunday sales and amending P. L. 1959, c. 119.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1959, c. 119 (C. 2A:171-5.8) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 1. On the first day of the week, commonly known and designated  
4 as Sunday, it shall be unlawful for any person whether it be at  
5 retail, wholesale or by auction, to sell, attempt to sell or offer to  
6 sell or to engage in the business of selling, as hereinafter defined,  
7 clothing or wearing apparel, building and lumber supply materials,  
8 furniture, home or business or office furnishings, household, busi-  
9 ness or office appliances, except as works of necessity and charity  
10 or as isolated transactions not in the usual course of the business  
11 of the participants.

12 Any person who violates any provision of this act is a disorderly  
13 person and upon conviction for the first offense, shall pay a fine  
14 of ~~[\$25.00]~~ \$250.00; and for the second offense, shall pay a fine of  
15 not less than ~~[\$25.00]~~ \$250.00 or more than ~~[\$100.00]~~ \$1,000.00 to  
16 be fixed by the court; and for the third offense, shall pay a fine of  
17 not less than ~~[\$100.00]~~ \$1,000.00 or more than ~~[\$200.00]~~ \$2,000.00  
18 to be fixed by the court or, in the discretion of the court, may be  
19 imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days, or both; and  
20 for the fourth or each subsequent offense, shall pay a fine of not  
21 less than ~~[\$200.00]~~ \$2,000.00 or more than ~~[\$500.00]~~ \$5,000.00 to  
22 be fixed by the court or, in the discretion of the court, may be im-

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.**

23 prisoned for a period of not less than 30 days or more than six  
24 months, or both. A single sale of an article or articles of merchan-  
25 dise of the character hereinabove set forth to any one customer,  
26 or a single offer to sell an article or articles of such merchandise  
27 to any one prospective customer, shall be deemed to be and con-  
28 stitute a separate and distinct violation of this act.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill increases the penalties for violation of the law against  
Sunday sales.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 3988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 1983

The purpose of this bill is to increase the penalties for violation of the law against Sunday sales. Under the provisions of this bill a first offense shall require a fine of \$250.00; a second offense a fine of between \$250.00 and \$1,000.00; a third offense a fine of between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00, and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days; and for a fourth or subsequent offense a fine of between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00, and/or a term of imprisonment of between 30 days and 6 months.

A-4112 SIGNED ET AL.

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JANUARY 17, 1984

A-3988, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas F. Cowan, D-Hudson, which increases the penalties for violation of the law against Sunday sales. The bill sets fines at \$250 for a first offense, not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 for a second offense, not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000 and/or 30 days in jail for a third offense, and not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000 and/or 30 days to six months in jail for fourth and subsequent offenses.

A-4117, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph D. Patero, D-Somerset, which appropriates \$1 million in federal funds to the Department of Labor and for private industry planning grants and \$52,357 to the Department of Higher Education for Montclair State College.

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