

2A:52-1 and 2A:52-2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Name change--require complaint to contain statement of crimes of which applicant has been convicted)

NJSA 2A:52-1 and 2A:52-2

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CHAPTER 362

Bill No. A792

Sponsor(s) Pellecchia

Date Introduced Feb. 4, 1980

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

Senate Judiciary

Amended during passage

Yes

~~No~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly Dec. 8, 1980

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement

Yes

~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly

Yes

~~No~~

Senate

Yes

~~No~~

Fiscal Note

~~Yes~~

No

Veto Message

~~Yes~~

No

Message on signing

~~Yes~~

No

Following were printed:

Reports

~~Yes~~

No

Hearings

~~Yes~~

No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill has been requested by law enforcement agencies in order to permit them to up-date and keep current their criminal files.

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Assembly Judiciary

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ASSEMBLY, No. 792

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 4, 1980

By Assemblyman PELLECCIA

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning change of name and amending N. J. S. 2A:52-1
and 2A:52-2.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:52-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:52-1. Any person may institute an action in **[**the County Court
3 of the county of which he is a resident or in the**]** Superior Court,
4 for authority to assume another name. *The complaint for a change*
5 *of name shall state whether or not the applicant has been con-*
6 *victed of a crime and *whether any criminal charges are pending*
6A *against him and,* if so, shall provide such details in connection*
7 *therewith sufficient to readily identify the matter referred to.*
8 *Service of a copy of the complaint, whether or not citing a prior*
9 *conviction or ***[convictions]*** *pending charges*, shall be made*
10 *upon the Attorney General, the county prosecutor of the county in*
11 *which the action is filed, and, if applicable, upon the prosecutor of*
12 *the county in which the applicant was previously convicted of a*
13 *crime *or in which charges against him are pending* for such*
14 *response as they may deem appropriate. *A person commits a dis-*
15 *orderly persons offense if he knowingly gives or causes to be given*
16 *false information under this section.**

1 2. N. J. S. 2A:52-2 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:52-2. Such person, from and after the day specified therefor
3 in the judgment in the action, shall be known by the name which,
4 by the judgment, he is authorized to assume, and by no other.
5 ****[**Upon entry of judgment for a change in name, a copy of the*
6 *judgment shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Identification*
7 *in the Division of State Police.]* *The judgment for change of*
8 *name shall include the applicant's date of birth, and the clerk of*
9 *the court shall forward a copy of the judgment to the State Bureau*
10 *of Identification in the Division of State Police.**

1 3. 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.**

**ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY
AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 792

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 24, 1980

This bill, as amended, provides a statutory procedure in an action for a change of name. The bill was amended to more closely parallel the present court rule concerning this type of action.

Specifically, the bill requires an application for name change to cite any convictions or pending charges and provides for a filing of such information with proper law enforcement agencies. In addition, the committee amended the bill to provide that any person providing false information shall commit a disorderly persons offense.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 792

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 12, 1981

Assembly Bill No. 792 requires that a person instituting an action for a change of name cite any convictions or pending criminal charges in his complaint. Such information would be given to the Attorney General, the prosecutor of the county in which the action is filed, and the prosecutor of any county in which the applicant was previously convicted or where charges are pending.

Assembly Bill No. 792, also, provides that any person providing false information in a complaint for a change of name would be guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

Additionally, Assembly Bill No. 792 requires that a copy of any judgment granting a change of name, be forwarded to the State Police's Identification Bureau.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DECEMBER 30, 1981

DAVE DE MAIO

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law the following bills:

S-3192, sponsored by Senator Francis E. Rodgers (D-Hudson), striking the requirement in the Optional County Charter Law that county clerks file an annual compilation of county ordinances with each municipality in the county.

The measure is expected to cut administrative costs. Clerks will still be under the obligation to forward annual compilations if requested to do so by a county or an individual.

SJR-3016, sponsored by Senator John M. Skevin (D-Bergen), designating the Route 46 State Bridge over the Hackensack River connecting Ridgefield Park with Little Ferry as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge."

SJR-3017, also sponsored Senator Skevin, designating the week of January 24-30, 1982, as "Red Ribbon Week" in New Jersey, honoring the 2,528 persons reported missing in action from the Vietnam War.

A-190, sponsored by Assemblyman William J. Maguire (R-Union), increasing the penalty for the transportation of unstamped cigarettes destined for sale or use in New Jersey -- commonly known as "buttlegging." Buttlegging is currently a disorderly persons offense, punishable by fines up to \$500 or six months in prison, or both. This bill imposes an additional fine equal to the amount of delinquent tax on the cigarettes.

A-792, sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Ozzie Pellechia (D-Passaic), requiring that any person filing to change his legal name state whether or not he has been convicted of criminal offenses or if any charges are pending. Failure to comply with this law is a disorderly persons offense.

A-996, sponsored by Assemblyman Martin A. Herman (D-Salem), amending the New Jersey Criminal Code's definition of "antique firearm" to include all weapons loaded from the muzzle, regardless of the date of manufacture. Under current law, purchasers of antique long arms -- those manufactured before the turn of the century -- are not required to obtain a permit-to-purchase. This bill extends the exemption to antique arms of later manufacture.

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