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Senate, No. 2720

1 AN ACT concerning firearms records and supplementing P.L.1963,  
2 c.73 (C.47:1A-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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute or  
8 regulation to the contrary, government record as defined in section  
9 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1) shall include aggregate  
10 information regarding the total number of permits to purchase a  
11 handgun and firearms purchaser identification cards, without any  
12 personal identifying information, that have been issued by the  
13 Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a municipal  
14 police department.  
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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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19 STATEMENT  
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21 This bill clarifies that certain firearms records are available  
22 under the State's open public records law.

23 The bill clarifies that the public has access to aggregate  
24 information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser  
25 identification cards or handgun purchase permits, without any  
26 personal identifying information, that have been issued by the  
27 Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a  
28 municipality.

29 At present, personal firearms records are confidential pursuant to  
30 administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public  
31 Safety.  
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36 Clarifies that information concerning the total number of  
37 firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase a  
38 handgun issued in a municipality are public records.

# SENATE, No. 2720

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 25, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Stack, Assemblyman Conaway and Assemblywoman Watson  
Coleman**

**SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies that information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase a handgun issued in a municipality are public records.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2013)**

S2720 WEINBERG

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STATEMENT

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26 personal identifying information, that have been issued by the  
27 Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a  
28 municipality.

29 At present, personal firearms records are confidential pursuant to  
30 administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public  
31 Safety.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2720**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 2, 2013

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2720.

This bill clarifies that certain firearms records are available under the State's open public records law.

Specifically, the bill clarifies that the public has access to aggregate information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards or handgun purchase permits, without any personal identifying information, that have been issued by the Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a municipality.

At present, personal firearms records are confidential pursuant to administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2720**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 6, 2013

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2720.

Senate Bill No. 2720 clarifies that certain firearms records are available under the State's open public records law.

The bill clarifies that the public has access to aggregate information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards or handgun purchase permits, without any personal identifying information, that have been issued by the Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a municipality.

At present, personal firearms records are confidential pursuant to administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4181, also reported by the committee on this same date.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4181

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 6, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON  
District 37 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Conaway and Assemblywoman Watson Coleman**

**SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies that information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase a handgun issued in a municipality are public records.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2013)**



A4181 JOHNSON

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1 AN ACT concerning firearms records and supplementing P.L.1963,  
2 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.).

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26 personal identifying information, that have been issued by the  
27 Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a  
28 municipality.

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30 administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public  
31 Safety.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4181**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 6, 2013

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4181.

Assembly Bill No. 4181 clarifies that certain firearms records are available under the State's open public records law.

The bill clarifies that the public has access to aggregate information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards or handgun purchase permits, without any personal identifying information, that have been issued by the Superintendent of State Police or the Chief of Police of a municipality.

At present, personal firearms records are confidential pursuant to administrative regulations of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2720, also reported by the committee on this same date.

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# Governor Chris Christie Builds On Comprehensive Plan To Address Gun Violence, Takes Action On Gun Legislation

Thursday, August 08, 2013 Tags: [Bill Action](#)

**Trenton, NJ** – Responsibly addressing gun violence in a comprehensive manner, Governor Christie today signed into law 10 pieces of gun violence and firearm-related legislation recently passed by the Legislature. These bills build on the plan Governor Christie introduced in April, as well as New Jersey's already strict gun laws, currently the second toughest in the nation.

"These commonsense measures will both strengthen New Jersey's already tough gun laws and upgrade penalties for those who commit gun crimes and violate gun trafficking laws," said Governor Christie. "As elected leaders, our first duty is to maintain public safety, and these new laws will help reduce gun violence and keep our streets and communities safer."

Governor Christie included a signing statement with Assembly Bill No. 3687, which prevents individuals on the federal Terrorist Watchlist from obtaining a firearms identification card or permit to purchase handgun. The Governor noted that the bill represents his "commitment to keeping the citizens of New Jersey safe," but also noted the federal government's obligation to protect law-abiding citizens against "improper scrutiny." In carrying out that balance, Governor Christie said, "the government must be circumspect in its application of the law. There is little room for mistakes since they may harm the innocent and law abiding."

## BILLS SIGNED:

**S-1279/A-4179 (Turner, Norcross/Mainor, Singleton, Johnson)** - Upgrades penalty for unlawfully transferring a firearm to an underage person; permits transfer for instruction and training

**SCS for S-2430/ACS for A-3690 (Lesniak, Turner/Cryan, Coutinho, Gusclora, Tucker, Mainor, Quijano, Sumter)** - Declares violence a public health crisis and establish "Study Commission on Violence"

**S-2468/A-4180 (Norcross, Bateman/Wilson)** – Authorizes impoundment of motor vehicles for certain crimes and offenses

**S-2719/ACS for A-3953, 3854 (Norcross, Gill, Allen/Singleton, Oliver, Eustace, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** – Enhances penalties for certain firearms offenses; designated as Anti-Gun Trafficking Act of 2013

**S-2720/A-4181 (Weinberg/Johnson)** - Clarifies that information concerning the total number of firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase a handgun issued in a municipality are public records

**S-2804/A-4152 (Turner, Sweeney/Wilson, Johnson)** - Upgrades certain unlawful possession of firearms to first degree crime; revises certain penalties under the "Grave Act"

**A-3687/S-2485 (Stender, Fuentes, Quijano/Scutari, Gill) – W/STATEMENT** - Disqualifies person named on federal Terrorist Watchlist from obtaining firearms identification card or permit to purchase handgun

**A -3717/SCS for S-2492 (Lampitt, Singleton, Eustace, Gusclora, Johnson/Buono, Gill)** - Requires submission of certain mental health records to National Instant Criminal Background Check System

**A -3788/S-2552 (Rible, Dancer, A.M. Bucco, McHose, Webber/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Codifies regulation exempting firearms records from State's open public records law

**A -3796/S-2722 (Mainor/Norcross)** - Provides 180-day window for persons to dispose of certain unlawfully possessed firearms

A copy of the Governor's signing statement A-3687 [pdf 27kB]

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