

2A:170-25.17

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 2A:170-25.17 (Disposal of hypodermic syringes & needles)

Laws of 1973 Chapter 113

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Sponsor(s) Hollenbeck

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SENATE, No. 1264

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator HOLLENBECK

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning disorderly persons and supplementing chapter 170 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes," approved August 31, 1972 (P. L. 1972, c. 143).

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

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1972, c. 143 (C. 2A:170-25.7) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. No person shall discard or abandon in any public or private
4 place accessible to any other person, whether or not the other person
5 may be a trespasser, any disposable or reusable hypodermic needle
6 or syringe, without first destroying the needle or syringe; nor shall
7 any owner, lessee or other person in control of premises accessible
8 to any other person, whether or not the other person may be a
9 trespasser, knowingly permit discarded or abandoned hypodermic
10 needles or syringes to remain on said premises in an intact
11 condition.

12 For purposes of this act, a hypodermic needle or syringe shall be
13 deemed destroyed only if the needle is broken from the hub *or*
14 *mangled*, in the case of a needle, and the nipple of the barrel is
15 broken from the barrel **[and the plunger is broken,]** or the plunger
16 and barrel are melted **[by autoclaving]**, in the case of a syringe.

17 Any person who violates the provisions of this act is a disorderly
18 person and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by
19 imprisonment for not more than 5 days, or both.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the present law to allow destruction of a needle by methods which will result in the needle being mangled, i.e. milling, crushing and grinding. This bill also eliminates the requirement

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

that the plunger be broken because breaking the plunger can result in the spread of infectious disease in certain cases. In addition, this bill deletes the words "by autoclaving" so that melting by any method will be acceptable. Autoclaving will only melt certain types of plastic, whereas, most of the products on the market require higher temperatures.