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ASSEMBLY, No. 2440

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 16, 1973

By Assemblymen J. J. HORN and FORAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend "An act requiring seat safety belts on certain passenger automobiles and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes," approved June 15, 1965 (P. L. 1965, c. 107).

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

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1965, c. 107 (C. 39:3-76.2) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. No person shall sell or operate any passenger automobile
4 manufactured after July 1, 1966, and registered in this State unless
5 such passenger automobile is equipped with at least two sets of
6 seat safety belts for the front seat of the passenger automobile and
7 the anchorage units necessary for their attachment *or other suit-*
8 *able restraining device.* Such seat safety belts and anchorage units
9 *or such restraining device* shall be of a type approved by the
10 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of
11 Law and Public Safety, and in making any such approval the
12 director shall be guided by the specifications of the Society of
13 Automotive Engineers *and the standards of the Federal Depart-*
14 *ment of Transportation.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Automobile manufacturers are now constructing automobiles with restraining devices other than seat belts, such as inflated air bag devices. These devices have the approval and meet the standards of the Federal Department of Transportation. This bill amends the present law to adjust to recent developments in automobile safety devices.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2440

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 26, 1973

Pursuant to P. L. 1965, c. 107 (C. 39:3-76.2), it is mandatory that passenger automobiles be equipped with at least two (2) front seat belts of a type approved by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Assembly Bill No. 2440 would allow the Director to approve other suitable restraining devices. The purpose is to allow customers to purchase automobiles with such devices as "air bags" which will be available in certain 1974 model cars. Under present law, a person could order "air bags", but would have also to pay for seat belts as presently required by law.