

30:14-13.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

Compiled by the NJ State Law Library

LAWS OF: 2004 **CHAPTER:** 5

NJSA: 30:14-13.1 (Information on location of domestic violence shelters)

BILL NO: A1560 (Substituted for S105)

SPONSOR(S) Smith and others

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Family, Womens and Childrens Services

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** February 5, 2004

SENATE: February 23, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 7, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

A1560

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S105

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A1560

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to Assembly Statement to A1560

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

[GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:](#) [Yes](#)

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

To check for circulating copies, contact New Jersey State Government Publications at the State Library (609) 278-2640 ext. 103 or <mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org>.

REPORTS:

No

HEARINGS:

No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

No

P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 5, *approved April 7, 2004*
Assembly, No. 1560

1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence shelters and supplementing
2 P.L.1979, c.337 (C.30:14-1 et seq.).

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6

7 1. Information which may identify the location of a shelter for
8 victims of domestic violence shall not be deemed to be a public record
9 pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404
10 (C.47:1A-5 et seq.).

11

12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

13

14

15

16

17 Provides that information about location of a shelter for victims of
18 domestic violence shall not be a public record.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1560

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT J. SMITH

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman JOAN VOSS

District 38 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Blee, Conners, Cryan, Eagler, Gusciora, Assemblywomen

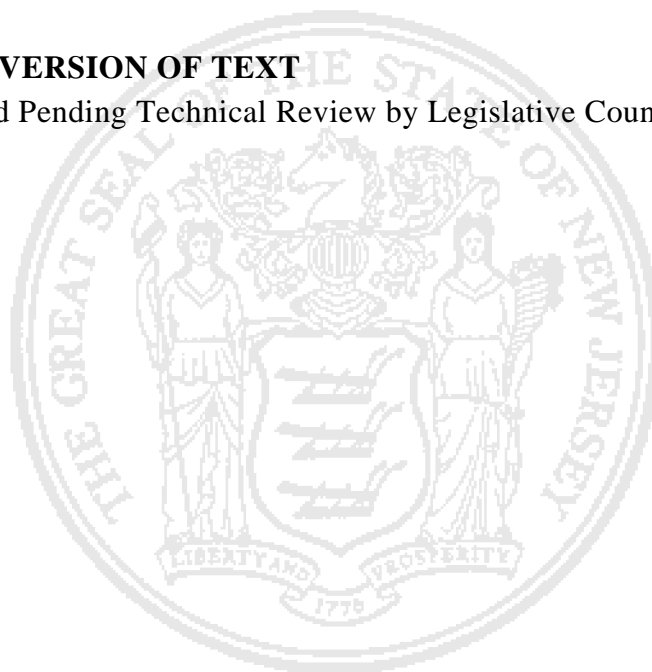
Pou and Watson Coleman

SYNOPSIS

Provides that information about location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence shall not be a public record.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/27/2004)

1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence shelters and supplementing
2 P.L.1979, c.337 (C.30:14-1 et seq.).

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Information which may identify the location of a shelter for
8 victims of domestic violence shall not be deemed to be a public record
9 pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404
10 (C.47:1A-5 et seq.).

11

12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

13

14

15

STATEMENT

16

17 This bill supplements N.J.S.A.30:14-1 et seq. concerning shelters
18 for victims of domestic violence, to provide that any information
19 identifying the location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence
20 shall not be deemed to be a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A.47:1A-1
21 et seq. or N.J.S.A.47:1A-5 et seq. Currently, N.J.S.A.30:14-13
22 provides for the confidentiality of the identity or location of a person
23 seeking domestic violence shelter services, but does not provide for
24 the confidentiality of the location of the shelter.

ASSEMBLY FAMILY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1560

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2004

The Assembly Family, Women and Children's Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1560.

This bill supplements N.J.S.A.30:14-1 et seq. concerning shelters for victims of domestic violence, to provide that any information identifying the location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence shall not be deemed to be a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A.47:1A-1 et seq. or N.J.S.A.47:1A-5 et seq. Currently, N.J.S.A.30:14-13 provides for the confidentiality of the identity or location of a person seeking domestic violence shelter services, but does not provide for the confidentiality of the location of the shelter.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 432 (1R) of 2002, which this committee reported favorably during the prior session.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2004-2005 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE, No. 105

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Provides that information about location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence shall not be a public record.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence shelters and supplementing
2 P.L.1979, c.337 (C.30:14-1 et seq.).

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Information which may identify the location of a shelter for
8 victims of domestic violence shall not be deemed to be a public record
9 pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404
10 (C.47:1A-5 et seq.).

11

12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

13

14

15

STATEMENT

16

17 This bill supplements N.J.S.A.30:14-1 et seq. concerning shelters
18 for victims of domestic violence, to provide that any information
19 identifying the location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence
20 shall not be deemed to be a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A.47:1A-1
21 et seq. or N.J.S.A.47:1A-5 et seq. Currently, N.J.S.A.30:14-13
22 provides for the confidentiality of the identity or location of a person
23 seeking domestic violence shelter services, but does not provide for
24 the confidentiality of the location of the shelter.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 105

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2004

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 105.

This bill supplements N.J.S.A.30:14-1 et seq. concerning shelters for victims of domestic violence, to provide that any information identifying the location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence shall not be deemed to be a public record pursuant to N.J.S.A.47:1A-1 et seq. or N.J.S.A.47:1A-5 et seq. Currently, N.J.S.A.30:14-13 provides for the confidentiality of the identity or location of a person seeking domestic violence shelter services, but does not provide for the confidentiality of the location of the shelter.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1560.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2004 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

Office of the Governor

PO BOX 004
TRENTON, NJ 08625

News Releases

Contact: Micah Rasmussen
609-777-2600

RELEASE: April 07, 2004

[Previous Screen](#)

Governor Signs Law Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

Ensures Location of Shelters Cannot Be Made Public

(TRENTON)--Governor James E. McGreevey signed legislation today that ensures that information identifying the location of domestic violence shelters is not available to the public, A1560. Today's bill signing is yet another step in the Governor's ongoing commitment to protect victims of domestic violence.

"Our most fundamental obligation is to ensure the safety of our citizens," said Governor James E. McGreevey. "Too often, women who are the victims of domestic violence, live in fear that even if they escape, their assailants will be able to track them down. That is an unacceptable situation. This law ensures that the location of these life-saving shelters cannot be revealed to the public, and if it gives even one woman the piece of mind she needs to get away from her abuser, we will have succeeded."

Currently the identity or location of a person seeking domestic violence shelter service must be kept confidential. However, the location of the shelter is not mandated to be confidential. As a result, perpetrators of domestic violence may be able to gain access to information that could identify the shelter at which their victims have sought refuge. This new law will prevent that type of information from being in the public record, and will exempt shelter locations from the Open Public Records Act.

Governor McGreevey has been strongly committed to stopping domestic violence and protecting its victims. In the past two years, the Governor has signed bills protecting victims from discrimination by property and life insurers, and prohibiting persons convicted of domestic violence or stalking from purchasing firearms. Last month, under his leadership, the Department of Community Affairs announced more than \$10 million in new housing programs and shelter support funding to protect 1,700 victims of domestic violence. DCA Commissioner Susan Bass Levin has also awarded nearly \$1.2 million in Emergency Shelter Grants to 12 domestic violence shelters throughout the state.

"Every eight minutes, an act of domestic violence occurs in New Jersey," said

McGreevey. “Our shelters are almost always a victim’s best hope for her and her children. In 2003, domestic violence shelters in New Jersey served 1,676 women and 1,973 children. I want to extend a profound appreciation of the work of these organizations. I urge communities around the state to educate women about the safety of going to a shelter and to continue efforts that encourage victims to seek help.”

State of New Jersey Governor's Office

statewide: [njhome](#) | [my new jersey](#) | [people](#) | [business](#) | [government](#) | [departments](#) | [search](#)
Copyright © State of New Jersey, 2002