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(Weapons--endangering children)

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P.L.1995, CHAPTER 114, approved June 2, 1995  
1994 Assembly No. 42

1 AN ACT concerning endangering the welfare of a child and  
2 amending P.L.1979, c.179.

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

6 1. Section 6 of P.L.1979, c.179 (C.2C:39-7) is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 6. Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons. a. Except as  
9 provided in subsection b. of this section, any person, having been  
10 convicted in this State or elsewhere of the crime of aggravated  
11 assault, arson, burglary, escape, extortion, homicide, kidnapping,  
12 robbery, aggravated sexual assault, [or] sexual assault or  
13 endangering the welfare of a child pursuant to N.J.S.2C:24-4,  
14 whether or not armed with or having in his possession any weapon  
15 enumerated in subsection r. of N.J.S.2C:39-1, or any person  
16 convicted of a crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.2C:39-3,  
17 N.J.S.2C:39-4 or N.J.S.2C:39-9, or any person who has ever been  
18 committed for a mental disorder to any hospital, mental  
19 institution or sanitarium unless he possesses a certificate of a  
20 medical doctor or psychiatrist licensed to practice in New Jersey  
21 or other satisfactory proof that he is no longer suffering from a  
22 mental disorder which interferes with or handicaps him in the  
23 handling of a firearm, or any person who has been convicted of  
24 other than a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons  
25 offense for the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled  
26 dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2 who purchases,  
27 owns, possesses or controls any of the said weapons is guilty of a  
28 crime of the fourth degree.

29 b. A person having been convicted in this State or elsewhere of  
30 the crime of aggravated assault, arson, burglary, escape,  
31 extortion, homicide, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated sexual  
32 assault [or], sexual assault or endangering the welfare of a child  
33 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:24-4, whether or not armed with or having  
34 in his possession a weapon enumerated in subsection r. of  
35 N.J.S.2C:39-1, or a person having been convicted of a crime  
36 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.2C:35-3 through  
37 N.J.S.2C:35-6, inclusive; section 1 of P.L.1987, c.101  
38 (C.2C:35-7); N.J.S.2C:35-11; N.J.S.2C:39-3; N.J.S.2C:39-4; or  
39 N.J.S.2C:39-9 who purchases, owns, possesses or controls a  
40 firearm is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

41 c. Whenever any person shall have been convicted in another  
42 state, territory, commonwealth or other jurisdiction of the

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 United States, or any country in the world, in a court of  
2 competent jurisdiction, of a crime which in said other jurisdiction  
3 or country is comparable to one of the crimes enumerated in  
4 subsection a. or b. of this section, then that person shall be  
5 subject to the provisions of this section.

6 (cf: P.L.1992, c.74, s.3)

7 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Adds endangering the welfare of a child to the list of crimes which bar a person from owning a weapon.

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

**STATEMENT TO**

**ASSEMBLY, No. 42**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DATED: JUNE 13, 1994**

**The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 42.**

**Under current law, persons convicted of certain crimes are not permitted to own firearms and other weapons. This bill would add endangering the welfare of a child, N.J.S.2C:24-4, to the list of convictions for which a person will be barred from owning a weapon by amending section 6 of P.L.1979, c.179 (C.2C:39-7).**

**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**STATEMENT TO**

**ASSEMBLY, No. 42**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 3, 1994**

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 42.

Under current law, persons convicted of certain crimes are not permitted to own firearms and other weapons. This bill would add endangering the welfare of a child, N.J.S.2C:24-4, to the list of crimes convicted of which would bar a person from owning a weapon.