

CHAPTER 232

AN ACT concerning certain identification badges and amending P.L.1977, c.35 and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. Section 4 of P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-45) is amended to read as follows:

C.48:3-45 Improper use of public utility employee identification badge, fourth degree crime.

4. No employee of a public utility who is in possession of any identification badge, as provided for by P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-42 et seq.), shall loan, allow or permit any other person to use or display such identification badge; in case of the loss of any such identification badge, the employee shall forthwith notify the public utility of such loss and the circumstances surrounding the same. Any person violating the provisions of this section or any person who shall display or use the identification badge of another, for the purpose of deceiving any person as to his identity shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

C.2C:21-35 False public utility employee identification badge, violations, degree of crime.

2. a. A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale, or otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer or expose for sale, or otherwise transfer, a document, printed form or other writing which falsely purports to be a public utility employee identification badge as required under the provisions of P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-42 et seq.) which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity as a public utility employee is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

b. A person who knowingly makes, or possesses devices or materials to make, a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a public utility employee identification badge as required under the provisions of P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-42 et seq.) which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity as a public utility employee is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

c. A person who knowingly exhibits, displays or utters a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a public utility employee identification badge as required under the provisions of P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-42 et seq.) which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity as a public utility employee is guilty of a crime of the third degree.

d. A person who knowingly possesses a document or other writing which falsely purports to be a public utility employee identification badge as required under the provisions of P.L.1977, c.35 (C.48:3-42 et seq.) which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity as a public utility employee is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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