

CHAPTER 186

AN ACT concerning endangering another person and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes and repealing N.J.S.2C:12-2 and N.J.S.2C:24-7.

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

C.2C:24-7.1 Endangering another person; offense created; degree of crime.

1. a. (1) A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to another person.

(2) A person commits a crime of the fourth degree if he knowingly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to another person.

(3) A person commits a crime of the third degree if he knowingly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of death to another person.

b. (1) A person commits a crime of the fourth degree if he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to a person with a developmental disability.

(2) A person commits a crime of the third degree if he knowingly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to a person with a developmental disability.

(3) A person commits a crime of the second degree if he knowingly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of death to a person with a developmental disability.

c. As used in this act, “developmental disability” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.82 (C.30:6D-3).

d. Nothing in this act shall preclude an indictment and conviction for any other offense defined by the laws of this State.

Repealer.

2. N.J.S.2C:12-2 and N.J.S.2C:24-7 are repealed.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after the effective date of the act. Pursuant to R.S.1:1-15 and N.J.S.2C:1-1, any offenses committed prior to the effective date of the act shall be prosecuted under the prior law, which shall be continued in effect for that purpose.

Approved January 11, 2016.