

CHAPTER 221

AN ACT concerning law enforcement badges and badges that may be mistaken as law enforcement badges and supplementing Titles 27 and 32 of the Revised Statutes, Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, and Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.27:25-4.3 NJT not to issue badge to board of directors which may be mistaken for law enforcement badge.

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall not issue a law enforcement badge or badge that may be mistaken as a law enforcement badge to any member of the corporation's board of directors.

C.32:1-15.1 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey not to issue badge to commissioner which may be mistaken for law enforcement badge.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shall not issue a law enforcement badge or badge that may be mistaken as a law enforcement badge to any commissioner of the port authority.

C.40A:9-128.1 County not to issue badge to elected official which may be mistaken for law enforcement badge.

3. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a county shall not issue a law enforcement badge or a badge that may be mistaken as a law enforcement badge to any county elected official who is not elected as a law enforcement officer.

b. As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means a person who is empowered to act for the detection, apprehension, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons in violation of the law.

C.40A:9-176 Municipality not to issue badge to elected official which may be mistaken for law enforcement badge.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a municipality shall not issue a law enforcement badge or a badge that may be mistaken as a law enforcement badge to any municipal elected official.

C.52:14-14.2 Badge which may be mistaken for law enforcement badge not to be issued to elected State official.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a law enforcement badge or a badge that may be mistaken as a law enforcement badge shall not be issued to any State elected official.

6. a. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the State of New York of legislation having an identical effect as section 2, but if the State of New York shall have already enacted such legislation, section 2 of this act shall take effect immediately.

b. Section 1 and sections 3 through 5 of this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 9, 2019.