SENATE, No. 2642

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits extradition of individual to another state if conduct relates to reproductive health services and is legal in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2022)

1	AN ACT barring extradition of persons in certain circumstances and
2	amending N.J.S.2A:160-14.

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

1. N.J.S.2A:160-14 is amended to read as follows:

2A:160-14. The **[governor]** Governor of this **[state]** State may also surrender, on demand of the executive authority of any other state, any person in this [state] State charged in [such] the other state in the manner provided in section N.J.S. 2A:160-11 [of this title] with committing an act in this [state] State, or in a third state, intentionally resulting in a crime in the state whose executive authority is making the demand, and the provisions of this article not otherwise inconsistent shall apply to such cases, even though the accused was not in that state at the time of the commission of the crime, and has not fled therefrom. This provision shall not apply in instances where the crime for which extradition is sought relates to reproductive health services and would not be punishable by the laws of this State.

As used in this section "reproductive health services" means medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy.

(cf: P.L.1951 (1st SS), c.344)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Pursuant to the "New Jersey Uniform Criminal Extradition Law," N.J.S.A.2A:160-9 et seq., the Governor is permitted to surrender, upon demand of the executive authority of any other state, any person in this State charged in such other state with committing an act in this State, or in a third state, intentionally resulting in a crime. This bill restricts that authority in instances where the crime for which extradition is sought relates to reproductive health services and would not be punishable by the laws of this State. Under the bill, "reproductive health services" means medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy. Effectively, this bill would prohibit an individual from being extradited to another state if the person is accused of conduct related to reproductive health services that is legal in New Jersey.

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