

ASSEMBLY, No. 1478

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Permits theaters with 100 seats or more to apply for liquor license.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning plenary retail consumption licenses and
2 amending P.L.1985, c.151.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.151 (C.33:1-19.7) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. It shall be lawful for the governing board or body of any
10 municipality, upon the approval of the Director of the Division of
11 Alcoholic Beverage Control, to issue a plenary retail consumption
12 license to a nonprofit corporation, which regularly conducts musical
13 or theatrical performances or concerts, for which admission is
14 charged, on premises with a seating capacity of **【1,000】** 100
15 persons or more, which premises is primarily used for the
16 conducting of such musical or theatrical performances or concerts,
17 authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages by the nonprofit
18 corporation or its restaurant operator who has been approved
19 pursuant to procedures established by the Division of Alcoholic
20 Beverage Control for consumption on the licensed premises only
21 during performances and the two hours immediately preceding and
22 the two hours immediately following performances.

23 For the purposes of this section, "licensed premises" shall
24 include the premises where the musical or theatrical performance or
25 concert is held and any adjacent premises owned and operated by
26 the licensee.

27 A license issued under the provisions of this act shall not be
28 counted in determining the number of licenses under P.L.1947, c.94
29 (C.33:1-12.13 et seq.) or under P.L.1968, c.277 (C.40:48-2.40 et
30 seq.).
31 (cf: P.L.1994, c.18, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill reduces from 1,000 to 100 the number of seats required
39 for a theater to be eligible to apply for a special license to serve
40 alcoholic beverages on the premises. The nonprofit corporation must
41 be one that regularly conducts musical or theatrical performances or
42 concerts, for which admission is charged, and uses the license in
43 connection with a premises primarily used for such activity.

44 Under current law, municipalities are authorized to issue a special
45 plenary retail consumption license, known as a "theater license," to a

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.

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1 nonprofit corporation which conducts musical or theatrical
2 performances or concerts on the premises if there is a seating capacity
3 of 1,000 persons or more. A licensee may serve alcoholic beverages
4 only on the premises and only during the performance, as well as two
5 hours before and two hours after the performance.