

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3502

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2019

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3502.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill allows alcoholic beverages to be consumed from open containers on certain outdoor property located within the Atlantic City Tourism District. The bill defines an “open container area” as portions of the beach, boardwalk, and other areas within the Atlantic City tourism district, as determined by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), in which pedestrians are permitted to carry and consume open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Under the amended bill, upon approval of a resolution adopted by the CRDA, the holder of a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption in an open container area and allow a patron who is at least 21 years of age to remove a single alcoholic beverage for consumption in an open container area. The amended bill requires the CRDA to hold a public hearing on the merits of establishing an open container area prior to adopting the resolution.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make clarifying and technical changes.