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SYNOPSIS
Prohibits municipal licensure of children operating temporary businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/27/2020)
AN ACT prohibiting municipal licensure of children operating temporary businesses and supplementing chapter 52 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. A municipality shall not require a license or permit for a business that is operated only occasionally and by an individual who is under 18 years of age.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would prohibit municipalities from requiring a child to obtain a license or permit in order to operate a business temporarily. This bill is based upon a law recently enacted in Utah. Recent news accounts out of Utah and New York State reported incidents of government officials shutting down child-run lemonade stands for failing to secure licenses or permits. A similar problem, a municipality penalizing teenagers for soliciting work shoveling snow because they did not have a permit, led to the enactment of P.L.2015, c.240, a New Jersey law which prohibits municipalities from regulating the solicitation of snow shoveling services. This bill proposes a more broad approach to this general issue by allowing anyone under the age of 18 to occasionally operate a business without having first secured a local permit or license.